A JOURNAL OF THE LIFE, TRAVELS, AND Labour of Love in the Work of the MINISTRY, OF THAT Worthy Elder, and Faithful Servant of JESUS CHRIST,

James Dickinson,

Who departed this Life on the 6th of the 3d Month 1741, in the 83d Year of his Age.

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TO THE READER.

THE *Apoſtle* John *was inſtructed to write,* Bleſſed are the Dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, ſaith the Spirit, that they may reſt from their Labours; and their Works do follow them, *Rev.* xiv. 13. *And it is no ways ſtrange that he ſhould be inſtructed ſo to write, conſidering what is elſewhere ſaid,* That precious in the Sight of the Lord is the Death of his Saints, *Pſalm.* cxvi. 15. *and that it is the End of all their Labours, and a bleſſed End it is indeed, to which the Crown is promiſed, as was ſaid to one of the Churches,* Be thou faithful unto Death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life, *Rev.* ii. 10. *this is to them an End of all their Labours, Jeopardies, Hardſhips, and Sufferings, and they are landed ſafe in that much to be de-*

ſired Port, where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at reſt: But then if their Labours are ſo acceptable to the Lord, and their Works follow them, (for the Reward is to be according to them, *Mat.* xvi. 27. *in that glorious Kingdom they are entring into,) how precious ought they to be in the Sight of his Servants, that even the Remembrance of them ought not to be loſt, but the Fragments to be gathered up, that they may be tranſmitted to Poſterity for their Imitation and Encouragement; and this not in any wiſe for the exalting of Man, but that the Power whereby they have been raiſed up, preſerved and carried through, may be exalted; for this, even that Power, was their Wiſdom and their Strength, and bleſſed are all they who put their Truſt in it, that according to the Example of the Pſalmiſt,* one Generation *may* praiſe his Works to another, and declare *his* mighty Acts, *Pſal.* cxlv. 4. *Even thoſe mighty Acts he hath wrought through his Servants, whom he hath been pleaſed to raiſe up from a low Eſtate, and to ſet them among Princes, even the Princes of his People, and to declare the Might of his Arm, who is pleaſed to carry on his own Work by mean Inſtruments in the World's*

World's Account, that no Fleſh might glory in his Preſence, *as the Apoſtle writes,* For you ſee your Calling, Brethren, how that not many wiſe Men after the Fleſh, not many Mighty, not many Noble, are called: But God hath choſen the fooliſh Things of the World, to confound the Wiſe; and God hath choſen the weak Things of the World, to confound the Things which are mighty; and baſe Things of the World, and Things which are deſpiſed, hath God choſen, 1 *Cor.* i. 26, 27, 28. *and this hath been wonderfully made appear in this Generation, and the Generation preceeding, wherein God hath been pleaſed to carry on his glorious Work of Reformation, in cauſing the Goſpel to be preached again, after a long Night of Darkneſs, by mean and illiterate Inſtruments in the World's Account, by whom they have been and ſtill are accounted as Fools; and yet how mightily it hath pleaſed God to proſper his Work in their Hands, to the gathering many Souls near to himſelf, and into Unity with his bleſſed Spirit through their Miniſtry. Of which Number was this our Friend* James Dickinſon, *the Author of the enſuing Journal, who was a Man indefatigable in his Labours and Services for*

the Edification of the Church, and the Good of Souls, whoſe Miniſtry, tho' it was not in the enticeing Words which Man's Wiſdom teacheth, yet it was in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and of Power, *and in that Wiſdom* which the Holy Ghoſt teacheth, *and was effectual to the convincing and gathering many, and ſettling them upon the Rock Chriſt Jeſus, and under his Teaching, who is the Foundation of all the righteous Generations, in whom all ſuch who believe ſhall not be aſhamed, nor ſhall be* any more Strangers and Foreigners, but fellow Citizens with the Saints, and of the Houſhold of God, *as ſaith the Apoſtle*, Eph. ii. 19.

And Reader, *if thou peruſeſt the following Account of the Services, and Labour of Love of this Man of God, with an unprejudiced Mind, and with a Deſire to be informed, and helped forward in thy ſpiritual Journey, thou wilt, no doubt, reap advantage by it, and be encouraged to preſs forward, and it will be to thee a* Savour of Life unto Life, *that is, the Savour of Life that will attend thee in the reading of it, if thou reads it with a ſingle Eye, will tend to promote the ſame Life in thy Soul, and thou*

thou wilt desire, according to thy Measure, to be found walking in Faithfulness towards God, for this is that which can only recommend to him; and thus will the End of the Labour of his faithful Servants be answered.

And if thou findest any thing which seems not so clearly and fully set forth, or that he is short in his Account concerning his Travels in some Places, thou needest not wonder at it, considering how much he was employ'd in publick Service, and almost continually travelling to and fro in the Work of the Ministry; but it is rather to be admired that he was capable of transmitting so much, and that so well as he has done; and not only so, but also as he was a Man who had not the Advantage of a liberal, or learned Education, but like the Disciples of his Lord formerly, Acts iv. 13. Was ignorant and unlearned *in that Literature, tho'* he was wise unto that which was good, and simple concerning Evil, *and was able with the blessed Apostle,* 1 Cor. ii. 6. To speak Wisdom among them that were perfect, *and to declare his Experience in the Things of God, and the Mysteries of true Godliness,*

and ſaving Religion; and therefore 'tis hoped, that Inaccuracies in Stile and Manner of Expreſſion or otherwiſe, will be overlook'd and excuſed by the candid and ingenuous Reader.

As to the Account of his Acceptance among Friends where he lived, and the Service he was of in the Meeting he belong'd to, we refer to the Teſtimony concerning him from the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, of which he was a Member, herewith publiſhed, and ſhall conclude this Preface with this ſhort Exhortation to every particular (but more eſpecially to the Youth,) who may read the enſuing Treatiſe: Would'ſt thou be a Veſſel of Honour in the Houſe of God, and of Service in thy Day and Generation, as this our worthy Friend was, according to thy Degree and Station in the Church of Chriſt? *Thou muſt then keep under the Government of the Grace or Spirit of God, which made him what he was, and learn to truſt in it*; For *Abraham* believed God, and it was accounted to him for Righteouſneſs, *Gal.* iii. 6. *and ſo it will be to all his Children after the Promiſe*; *and ſeek not thine own Honour*, for how can

can you believe who receive Honour one from another, and ſeek not that Honour which cometh from God only, *ſaith Chriſt our Lord and Pattern*, John v. 44. *and if thou keepeſt under the Government of the Spirit or Grace of God, to the Manifeſtation of his Light in thy own Heart, (which are all one thing, under different Names, according to the diverſities of the Operations of God's univerſal Gift diſpenſed for the Redemption of Mankind, and have all the ſame or the like Properties and Effects aſcribed to each of them,) thou wilt* receive Power to become a Child of God, *and inherit the Promiſes: Concerning which Terms of* Grace, Spirit, *and* Light, *for the Sake of ſuch who may be Strangers to this Doctrine, a few Scripture Teſtimonies are ſubjoined*, viz.

1ſt. *Under the Term* Grace: By Grace ye are ſaved through Faith, *Eph.* ii. 8. *God's* Grace is ſufficient for thee, 2 *Cor.* xii. 9. *It is that* which teacheth to deny Ungodlineſs, and the World's Luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and Godly, *Titus* ii. 12.

2dly. *Under the Term* Spirit: When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all Truth, *John* xvi. 13. The Things of God knoweth no Man, but the Spirit of God, 1 *Cor.* ii. 12. But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit, 1 *Cor.* ii. 10. Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are ſealed unto the Day of Redemption, *Eph.* iv. 30. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, are the Sons of God, *Rom.* viii. 14. Now if any Man have not the Spirit of Chriſt, he is none of his, *Rom.* viii. 9. *for it is* thro' the Spirit the Deeds of the Body (*which are our Luſts*) are mortified, *Rom.* viii. 13.

3dly. *Under the Term* Light: *Chriſt is* the true Light which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, *John* i. 9. *as he declares of himſelf*, I am the Light of the World, he that followeth me ſhall not walk in Darkneſs, but ſhall have the Light of Life, *John* viii. 12. *And thus is fulfilled what the Prophet foretold concerning him*, That God gave him (*his Son*) for a Covenant to the People, for a Light to the *Gentiles*, *Iſa.* xlii. 6. *And again he ſays*, I will alſo give thee for a Light to the *Gentiles*,

Gentiles, that thou may'ſt be my Salvation to the End of the Earth, *Iſa.* xlix. 6. *and alſo by* Zacharias, To give Light to them that ſit in Darkneſs, and in the Shadow of Death, to guide our Feet in the Way of Peace, *Luke* i. 79. *And this is what the Apoſtle* John *gives Teſtimony to, that it was come*, becauſe, *ſaith he*, the Darkneſs is paſt, and the true Light now ſhineth, 1 *John* ii. 8. *and exhorts the Believers to walk in it*, Chap. i. 7. *and what the Apoſtle* Paul *bears Record of, when he ſays*, But all Things that are reproved, (*or are diſcovered, as in the Margin*) are made manifeſt by the Light, *Eph.* v. 13. *and this is that Light with which the heavenly City, the new* Jeruſalem, *is enlightned, and therefore needs not the Light of the Sun or of the Moon*, but the Glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof, and the Nations of them which are ſaved, ſhall walk in the Light of it, *Rev.* xxi. 23, 24. *And it is to this Gift, which is the ſaving Health of all Nations, the Apoſtle recommends the Believers in his Time, under the Term* Grace, *and to which all who have known the Sufficiency of it, do direct all.* And now, Brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of

of his Grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an Inheritance among all them which are ſanctified, *Acts* xx. 32.

To God only wiſe, who is glorified in his Saints, and preſerves, through all to his heavenly Kingdom, ſuch who put their Truſt in him, be Dominion and Thanks, now, and for ever more, Amen.

THE

THE TESTIMONY Of the Monthly Meeting

Concerning Our Worthy Friend

James Dickinſon deceaſed.

JAMES DICKINSON of *Green Trees*, (otherwiſe *Moorſide*) belonging to *Pardſhaw Meeting* in the County of *Cumberland*, was born at *Lowmoor*, of honeſt Parents, in the Year 1658. The Lord was pleaſed tenderly to viſit him in his Young Years,: whereby he became acquainted (meaſurably) with his Teachings when but a Child; but for want of keeping a ſtedfaſt Eye to the Guidings thereof, was led forth into thoſe Follies and Vanities of the World incident to Youth: But ſuch was the Love of the heavenly Father, (as he often declared amongſt us

in

in the Spring of the Goſpel) that he was met with again, and brought back as a Sheep ſtrayed from the Father's Fold; and after much Affliction, and ſolitary Exerciſe, fitted for future Service, and engaged him in a publick Teſtimony about the Eighteenth Year of his Age: He was ſhortly after concerned to go to ſeveral Meetings of the *Diſſenters* in the Country where he lived, and underwent Hardſhips among them; yet TRUTH crowned his Labours with ſome Convincement: After which he travelled, in the Service of the Miniſtry, in divers Counties through *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland*, undergoing Sufferings in the Times of Perſecution. He viſited Friends in *Ireland* Twelve Times, Three Times in *America*, Once in *Holland* and *Germany*, and laboured much in his Native Country and Nation of *England*, many having been convinced by him: Much more might have been ſaid concerning his Labours and Travels in the Work of the Miniſtry, but we refer to his enſuing Journal.

We have this Teſtimony to give concerning our dear deceaſed Friend: He was

was a diligent Labourer at Home, a conſtant Attender of Meetings, a ſincere Traveller therein, very tender over the Youth, a Nurſing Father to the Leaſt, and full of Charity to all rightly anointed; yet not haſty to join with forward Spirits: He was alſo careful not to join in Party-cauſes, but was greatly concerned for the Promotion and Unity of the Church, and often expreſſed his ſtedfaſt Faith of TRUTH's Teſtimony being Exalted in the Nations, and the antichriſtian Oppreſſion of Tithes brought down, and with Concern declared his Sorrow for ſuch as weakly complyed therewith.

When his natural Abilities failed, he would ſpeak ſtrongly, apparently beyond his Age and Conſtitution: He was ſeized with a *Palſey* near a Year before he died, which detained him from coming to Meetings, by which his Speech was much taken from him, but would often ſay, *Though he was weak he was well*, and had *nothing but Peace on every Hand*; expreſſing his Care and Concern for the Growth and Preſervation of the Church.

He

He died on the 6th of the third Month 1741, and was interred on the 8th of the ſame in Friends Burying-ground at *Eaglesfield*, being accompanyed by a great many Friends and Others.

Aged 83 } Years.
A Miniſter 65 }

Read, Approved, and Signed, at Our Quarterly Meeting *held at* Pardſhaw-hall *in the County of* Cumberland, the 1ſt of the 2d Month 1742,

By *John Wilſon.*

THE

THE Teſtimony of JOHN BELL

To the Memory of our Worthy Friend

James Dickinſon deceas'd.

THOU art, with this, preſented with a brief Account of the diligent Labours, and hard Travels, of that faithful Servant and eminent Miniſter of the Goſpel of Chriſt *James Dickinſon*, to whoſe Faithfulneſs to the Truth, manifeſted in a humble ſelf-denying Life, and circumſpect Godly Converſation, I could not but give this brief Teſtimony; for it was this which greatly recommended that Miniſtry in which he zealouſly laboured for the Promotion of Piety and Virtue both at home and abroad, ſo that it often proved effectual to reach the Witneſs of God in the Conſciences of thoſe

to whom he miniſtred; for it may be truly ſaid of him, that he went not about to publiſh the Goſpel of Life and Salvation with enticeing Words which Man's Wiſdom teacheth, but in the Power and Demonſtration of the Spirit, for he was not *a Miniſter of the Letter only, but of the Spirit*, (for it was by being obedient to the powerful Workings thereof in himſelf, and by waiting diligently for the Movings and Openings of it, that he became well qualified for that Service) and his Teſtimony was living and powerful, and often very terrible to the Workers of Iniquity, yet very edifying and comfortable to the Well-minded, and encouraging to them to wait for the Help of the Holy Spirit, whereby they might be made able to perſevere in the Way of Life and Salvation, (which Way is revealed and made manifeſt by the Light of the Son of God which in ſome degree ſhineth in the Hearts of all Mankind, and is the unerring Guide to all ſuch who believe in it, and are obedient to its Diſcoveries, to bring them to the ſtrait Gate, and into the narrow Way which leads to Eternal Happineſs;) and by his powerful and lively Teſtimonies the Weak and Doubtful

ful were often encouraged to depend upon that powerful Arm whereby they had been gathered out of the many Evils which are in the World; and the Feeble-minded confirmed in the Belief of the Truth, and their Faith ſtrengthned in Jeſus Chriſt the Way to the Father; for he was often concerned in the Openings of Truth to ſpeak to the divers States and Conditions of the People to whom he was called to miniſter, for through the Mercy of God he had the Word to preach, and Wiſdom given him to divide it aright, for many yet living, who have ſat under his Teſtimonies with great Comfort and Satisfaction, can witneſs that he did not *handle the Word of God deceitfully*, but *was a Workman that needed not to be aſhamed*.

He was an able Miniſter of the New Covenant, and a zealous Promoter of the Cauſe of Truth, and laboured faithfully, in that good Work whereunto he was called, in that Ability which God gave, and travelled much in that Service thro' many Difficulties and Hardſhips, and at Times in great Jeopardy; but as his De-

pendance was upon God, whom he faithfully ſerved and obeyed, he was preſerved through all thoſe Difficulties, and enabled to perform his Service, and chearfully to undergo the Hardſhips he met with, for the Lord had bleſſed him with a good Conſtitution and bodily Strength, ſo that he was well qualified both with ſpiritual and temporal Ability for that Service whereunto he was called and appointed; as plainly appears by his enſuing Journal; for, as hath been already ſaid, he laboured faithfully where he came in Word and Doctrine, and many were turned from Darkneſs to Light, and from the Power of Satan to God by his Miniſtry, and the Flock of Chriſt edified, comforted and encouraged in a faithful Perſeverance: And although he travelled much, and often hard, as plainly appears by his ſaid Journal, (not being willing to make the Goſpel chargeable) yet when he was drawn forth to viſit the Churches abroad, as ſoon as his Service was over, and his Spirit eaſed of the Concern which was upon him, it appears, he was diligent to return to his outward Habitation and Buſineſs, that he might not only be a good Example to others, but might alſo mind

his Service among Friends at home.—— A good Example indeed of an able Miniſter and faithful Elder of the Church of Chriſt, worthy to be obſerved and followed by all to whom a Diſpenſation of the ſame Goſpel is given to preach! for whereſoever any are truly qualified and called to the Miniſtry, there will be a Service for them among Friends where they dwell, in that Miniſtry whereunto they are called; ſo that when any are called to viſit any of the Churches, there ought ſtill to be a Care upon their Minds to return when they have diſcharged themſelves faithfully of that Concern required of them; for the truly called of God will find, if they diligently mind the Manifeſtations of the holy Spirit which qualifies for Service, and leads the obedient Servants of Chriſt into it, that there is a Service for them to do among Friends in thoſe Places where they are Inhabitants; and the Care of the Churches there, according to their ſeveral Growths, will fall upon them; and this Service ought not to be neglected, for whereſoever that may happen, ſuch will ſuffer Loſs: Therefore I would tenderly adviſe, in the Love of Chriſt, all who are concerned

cerned in the Work of the Miniſtry, that they be very careful to mind this their Service; and, by that Help given of God, endeavour to follow the Example of this faithful and experienced Elder; for, according to his Account in the following Journal, (to the Truth whereof many now living can teſtify) when he returned from his Labours and Travels abroad in viſiting the Churches, he diligently attended the particular Meeting to which he belong'd, and was often concerned to viſit neighbouring Meetings in their County, and not leſs careful to frequent Meetings for Diſcipline, that he might be helpful to his Brethren in the Management of the Affairs of Truth; which nearly united them one to another.

But, by what is above ſaid by Way of Caution, I do not intend to diſcourage any who are rightly concerned; but, on the contrary hand, would recommend the Advice of the Apoſtle to *Timothy*, *Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double Honour, eſpecially they who labour in Word and Doctrine*, 1 Tim. v. 17. and not only ſo, but alſo would beſeech Friends, when

when it may please God to raise up and qualify any for the Work of the Ministry, that they do not slight it, nor despise the Instruments who may be so concerned, how mean soever they may appear in the Eyes of Men; for it is the Lord's Work, who is able to qualify: But be diligently exercised in your Minds, that they may feel the Help of your Spirits for their Strength and Encouragement; for the Exercise and Concern of the true Ministers is of more Weight to them than some are aware of.

As to this our worthy Friend, He was a Man much esteemed in his own Country, and Friends there highly valued him for his Works Sake and his Faithfulness therein; and his humble Deportment, circumspect Life and godly Conversation, gained him a good Report among his Neighbours, and those with whom he conversed.

He also frequently attended the Yearly Meeting in *London*, and the still, retired Frame of Mind he often sat in, when in that

that Meeting, hath affected the Minds of ſome who have beheld him; and when he ſpoke to Matters, it was in Humility, and very weighty, greatly to the Satisfaction of divers Brethren, his Words being ſeaſoned with Grace: Yet he was not ſo peculiarly gifted for the Management of the Diſcipline of the Church as ſome others in his Time, who were not ſo eminent in the Miniſtry; whereby the great Wiſdom of the Almighty is plainly ſeen, for he fits and qualifies his faithful Servants by his own Power and holy Spirit for that Work and Service in the Church, to which he ſees meet to appoint them; for, as the Apoſtle ſaid, *Now there are Diverſities of Gifts, but the ſame Spirit, and there are Differences of Adminiſtrations, but the ſame Lord, and there are Diverſities of Operations, but it is the ſame God, which worketh all in all,* 1 Cor. xii. 4, 5, 6. And the Apoſtle, when he ſpeaks of *Chriſt's aſcending up on high, when he led Captivity captive, and gave Gifts unto Men,* goes on, and further ſaith, *And he gave ſome Apoſtles, and ſome Prophets, and ſome Evangeliſts, and ſome Paſtors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Miniſtry,*

niſtry, for the edifying of the Body of Chriſt, Eph. iv. 11, 12. And as the Church comes to be reſtored into its primitive Purity, the ſame Lord, in our Day, is able to qualify his faithful Servants, and give Gifts to them for the perfecting the Saints, that the Body may edify it ſelf in Love. It was for the Work of the *Miniſtry* that this our worthy Friend was peculiarly gifted, in which he laboured faithfully many Years, and was an Example of Humility and Meekneſs, which, with his pious Life and godly Converſation, greatly adorned the Doctrine he had given him to preach, for he walked in the *juſt Man's Path*, which is *as the ſhining Light, that ſhineth more and more unto the perfect Day*, Prov. iv. 18. for his Zeal for the Cauſe of Truth continued whilſt Strength of Body was given him to perform his Service.

I ſhall now recommend to Friends, in general, the ſerious Peruſal of the following Journal, wherein is ſet forth the Protection, and many Preſervations of the *Author*, by that mighty Hand and Power on which he depended, that every

one may be ſtirred up to rely on the ſame divine Arm, which preſerved him during a long Pilgrimage thro' many Exerciſes and Difficulties, that by the Help of the holy Spirit many may be enabled to follow this faithful Man's good Example in Humility, Piety, Virtue, and Faithfulneſs to the Truth we profeſs. And ſince it hath pleaſed the Great Creator of all Things to remove him from us, and to take him to himſelf; he having now ceaſed from his Labours, his Works follow him, and I doubt not, but through Jeſus Chriſt our Mediator he hath obtained an Entrance into that everlaſting Reſt which remains for the Righteous: And his Memory lives with the Faithful who knew him; for, as the *Pſalmiſt* ſaith, *The Righteous ſhall be in everlaſting Remembrance*, Pſal. cxii. 6. And, as *Daniel* the Prophet ſaid, *They that be wiſe ſhall ſhine as the Brightneſs of the Firmament; and they that turn many to Righteouſneſs, as the Stars for ever and ever*, Dan. xii. 3. That we, by following his Steps, may attain the like Reward, and may with him, among Saints and Angels, and the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, praiſe God our Redeemer, and receive

receive that Crown of Righteouſneſs, which is laid up for all thoſe who love the Appearance of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, unto whom, with the Father, be Dominion and Glory, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, now and for ever.

Bleſſed are the Dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, ſaith the Spirit, that they may reſt from their Labours, and their Works do follow them, Revela. xiv. 13.

Bromley the 12th of the 9th Month, 1744. JOHN BELL.

A JOURNAL OF THE Life *and* Travels OF JAMES DICKINSON.

I Was born at a Place called *Lowmoor-houſe* in the Pariſh of *Dean*, and County of *Cumberland*, in the Year 1659. My Parents Names were *Matthew* and *Jane Dickinſon*, who, being convinced of the Truth, educated me in the Way thereof, and the Lord, by his Power, did reach unto me when very Young, and often broke my Heart into true Tenderneſs, that many times I had a ſecret Delight to be inwardly retired to feel the Virtue of it; which was Cauſe

of true Gladneſs to my Parents, whoſe Delight was in the Enjoyment of the Lord's Preſence. They were good Examples to their Children, educating them in the Way of Righteouſneſs, often exhorting us (with Tears) to fear the Lord, ſincerely deſiring that their Children might be his: My Teſtimony for them is, *they diſcharged themſelves to their Children.*

When I was about Seven Years of Age, it pleaſed the Lord to remove my dear Mother from the Cares and Troubles of this Life: My Father retained his Integrity and Zeal for God and his Truth, and his Care ſtill increaſed for his Children's Good, that they might grow up in the Truth; often admoniſhing us to fear the Lord, and to mind his Light and Grace that ſecretly reproved us for the Wildneſs and the Out-goings of our Minds into Vanity; ſo that I may ſay, *they are clear of us*, and am ſatisfied are entered into Reſt, and their Works follow them.

My Father died when I was Ten Years Old, and I not taking the Counſel of the Wiſe

Wiſe Man, *viz. to take the Counſel of my Father*, which was *to mind the Light or Meaſure of Grace given unto me*, my Mind was drawn out after the vain Plays, Cuſtoms, Faſhions, and Will-worſhips of the World, in which State I continued ſome time; yet the Lord by his Power did many times reach my Heart, and by the Spirit of his dear Son, the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, reproved me for my vain Converſation, many times calling me to return unto him from whom I had gone aſtray, whoſe Power (in ſome Meaſure) I had felt before to tender my Heart; but I not minding to turn at the Reproofs of *Wiſdom*, but going on in Rebellion againſt his bleſſed Spirit, and running, as with a Multitude to do Evil, into Wildneſs and Vanity, until the Lord in his Mercy did viſit my Soul by his Righteous Judgments, and thereby turned my Mirth into Mourning, and Joy into Heavineſs, and deep Sorrow was my Portion: Being warned to repent and turn to the Lord, a godly Sorrow was begun, which I experienced to lead to true Repentance; then my Familiars became my Enemies, and I was a Taunt and a Bye-word to them; yet ſtill, as I loved the Lord in the

Way of his Judgments, and waited upon him to know the Way of them, I found the Lord to give Victory, and ſaw my greateſt Enemies were thoſe of my own Houſe, and the War begun there. And as I was careful to keep in the *Light*, I came to ſee the Kingdom rent from *Saul*, and given to *David*, tho' there was a long War between the Houſe of *Saul* and the Houſe of *David*, yet, as I kept my Eye unto the Lord, I came to ſee the Houſe of *Saul* to grow weaker and weaker, and the Houſe of *David* ſtronger and ſtronger; yet many were the Days of Mourning, and Nights of Sorrow my Soul went under, that I may ſay, it was the Day of *Jacob*'s Trouble, and of *Joſeph*'s Affliction; many times I cryed unto the Lord, *Oh! that I had a Cave in the Ground, that I might mourn out my Days! that in the End I might find Peace with thee:* And in thoſe deep Afflictions and Exerciſes the Lord was very near, and often mixed Mercy with Judgment, ſo that my Soul began to delight to wait upon him in the Way of his Judgment, ſeeing it was by the Spirit of Judgment and Burning that the Filth of the Daughter of *Sion* muſt be done away; and as I kept

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here, I felt the Love of God to increaſe in my Soul, which deeply affected me, and a Hunger was increaſed in my Heart after the Enjoyment of the Lord's Power, and the Operation of it, whether it was in Mercy or Judgment, ſo I knew my Faith to be increaſed in the Sufficiency of the Power of God: Then I ſaw *it was good for me that I was afflicted*; *for before I was afflicted I went aſtray*; I found (as *David* ſaid) *his Rod and his Staff comforted me*, and the Lord did often overſhadow me with his Love, and a Sight of glorious Things I had at that Time: I alſo had a Viſion, in which I beheld a Sheep feeding in a very green Paſture by a pleaſant River-ſide, and a wicked Man, that envied the Sheep, came and forced it into the River, and the Sheep made for the other Side, but, a Bridge being over the River, the Man went over it and drove the Sheep in again, and ſo reſolved to drown it; and when the Sheep was almoſt loſt, I ſaw a good Man, that was the Owner of the Sheep, who caught hold and ſaved it, and brought it into the Paſture again; after which I ſaw the two Men ſtriving upon the Bridge, and he who ſaved the Sheep prevailed,

prevailed, and ſmote the other, and threw him into the River, in which he would have drowned the Sheep, and it took him away.

After which, great was my Exerciſe, toſſing and ſtrugling with the Power of Darkneſs; being unſkilful, and not grown in Strength to reſiſt the evil One, he gained ground upon me, and would have filled me with Doubts and Fears, that I was ready to conclude I ſhould never get through, but, with *David*, was like to ſay, *I ſhall now periſh one Day by the Hand of* Saul; and when I had almoſt loſt the Hopes of Deliverance, then the Lord appeared by his mighty Power, and rebuked the Enemy, and delivered my Soul from him that was too ſtrong for me, and drew me out of the troubled Waters, and brought my Mind into true Stillneſs, and to the proper Place of right waiting upon him, where I found my Strength to be renewed, and the Overſhadowing of his Power I often felt to my great Comfort, ſo that I was made to admire his Goodneſs.

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In the Year 1678 the Lord moved upon me by his Spirit to bear a Teſtimony to his Name and Truth; great then was my Exerciſe, ſeeing the Work to be very weighty, and looking out at my own Weakneſs, made me unwilling to give up to anſwer the Lord's Requirings; but the Lord, in his great Love, filled my Soul with the Emanations of his Power, which ſtrengthned and encouraged me, that I was made willing to give up in Obedience unto his divine Will: Then in great Dread and Fear I ſtood up, and bore a publick Teſtimony in our own Meeting, warning Friends *to be more inward and faithful to the Manifeſtations of the Light and Grace of God in their Souls.* And after I had anſwered the Requirings of the Lord, I found great Peace flowing in my Soul, which ſo prevailed upon my Spirit, that I was bowed down under the Senſe of the Lord's Goodneſs; and the Weight of the Exerciſe which I had felt upon me was removed.

One Morning as I was meditating on the great Love and Mercy of God unto my Soul, the Word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying, *be bold and couragious for*

for my Name Sake, and I will raiſe thee up; and ſhortly after He moved upon me to go to *Talentire*, to the *Preſbyterian's* Meeting: I was under a continual Exerciſe for ſeveral Days and Nights, ſo that I could ſcarce either Eat or Sleep; and the Word of the Lord was as a Fire in my Bones, that I had no Peace till I had given up to it; ſo I went and the Lord was with me, and ſhewed me what I had to do: When I came into the Meeting at *Talentire*, I ſtood amongſt them in great Fear and Dread, and immediately the People began to ſay *I was a* Quaker, *and was come to diſturb the Meeting*; ſome cryed *put him forth*, others *let him alone* ſo were divided as the Multitude amongſt whom *Paul* was concerned to preach the Goſpel; ſome pulled to have me out and others ſeemed to ſtop them: But they put me out, and ſhut the Door, and many People follow'd me; I ſtood up amongſt them at the Window, and delivered the Meſſage I had to them which was, *This is the Day of the Viſitation, and the Revelation of the Power and Spirit of Chriſt in your Hearts, therefore reſiſt not the Day of the Viſitation and Revelation of God's Spirit, for, if you do*

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it will riſe up in Judgment againſt you when you will not be able to reſiſt: After I had thus ſpoken, they ran to me and threw me down, dragged my Head againſt the Stones, and put me out of the Gate; then I ſpoke to them, but two of them came and haled me down the Street: And finding my ſelf clear, ſaid, *Your Blood be upon your own Heads, for I am clear of it*: So I came away in great Peace of Mind, being ſenſible of the Over-ſhadowing of the Love of God, and was filled with Praiſes unto his moſt holy Name.

And ſoon after, the Lord by his Spirit moved upon me to go to the *Baptiſt* Meeting at *Broughton*, unto which I gave up, and the Lord was with me to my Conſolation; ſo I went (in Obedience to the Will of the Lord) into their Meeting, and ſtaid a conſiderable time, until the Preacher (who was a Stranger) made a Stop; then I ſpoke, and defired Liberty to clear my ſelf among them; after which I directed the People to *the Light of Chriſt Jeſus*. *John Palmer* the Elder bid me *begone out of his Houſe*, and commanded his Son to put me forth; ſo he took

took me by the Shoulder and puſhed me out at the Door, and kept me there till the Meeting was ended: Then I went in again, and preached unto them the *Light of Chriſt Jeſus that ſhined in their Hearts, in order to give them the Knowledge of the Glory of God.* Great was the Confuſion that ſoon appeared, many of them ſpeaking all at once; ſome aſking, *what Beaſt was that, which was come amongſt them?* Others anſwered, *it was none, but a Man or a Boy:* But the Lord was with me in my Teſtimony, and by the Effuſion of his Power gave me Dominion over the Unclean Spirits; and the Witneſs of God in the Hearts of ſeveral was reached, who ſoon after came out from amongſt them, and received the Truth in the Love of it, *viz. John Ribton,* (who came to be a Miniſter of the Goſpel) and ſeveral others. And when I was clear I came away, and witneſſed that Saying to be fulfilled, *Pſal.* cxix. 165, *Great Peace have they which love thy Law, and nothing ſhall offend them.*

After ſome time the Lord engaged me to viſit Friends in this *County,* and as I gave up in Obedience thereto, I witneſſed the

the Renewings of Divine Love in my Heart, which was cauſe of Joy and true Gladneſs to my Soul. In my Return home, a Concern came upon me to go and ſpeak to *George Larkham*, a *Preſbyterian* Preacher, at *Talentire*, which brought a freſh Exerciſe upon my Mind, becauſe I was unwilling to anſwer what the Lord required of me, inſomuch that my natural Strength was almoſt taken from me, then I was made willing to do whatſoever the Lord required of me; ſo I went in the Fear of the Lord into *George Larkham*'s Houſe: As ſoon as he ſaw me, he was in great Fury and Rage, and aſked me, *What Buſineſs I had there?* I told him, *My Buſineſs was to clear my Conſcience in the Sight of God*, which I deſired *he would ſuffer me to do*; but he in great Rage ran into an upper Room, and ordered me to be put out, *for I was a* Quaker; his Wife being alſo in a great Paſſion ſaid, *There was a great Fault of the Magiſtrates, in not putting ſuch Fellows as I in the* Stocks; which ſhewed the Bitterneſs of her Spirit, that ſhe only wanted Power to follow the Example, and imitate the Barbarity of her Brethren in *New-England*: Then *George Larkham* came

came down in great Fury, and aſked *why they had not put me forth?* Then I deſired him *(if he was a* Chriſtian) *to ſhow his Moderation as a* Chriſtian; then he charged me with ſaying, *that he was no* Chriſtian; which I told him *was falſe:* Then he ſaid, *ſome of my Perſuaſion had ſaid it*; I bid him *charge them with it, and not me falſly*; then he took me by the Shoulders and thruſt me out of the Houſe, (as his Followers had done before) and as I was going out I ſpoke to him what I had upon my Mind: So I came away in much Peace, feeling the Lord to over-ſhadow me with his living Preſence, which filled my Heart with Praiſes to his great Name.

In the Year 1680 I felt the Lord by his Power to draw me forth to viſit Friends in *Weſtmoreland*, the *Dales* of *Yorkſhire*, *Biſhoprick* and *Northumberland*, in which Journey the Lord was merciful unto me, in preſerving and giving me my Life for a Prey, (great was the Zeal that was raiſed in me for the Truth, and againſt any thing that was contrary to and oppoſed it) it being at a Time when Friends were under great Exerciſes, and deep

deep Sufferings, by reaſon of wicked and ungodly Men; for many were impriſoned, Fined, and had their Goods taken from them, for no other Reaſon but *performing their Religious Duties to Almighty God, in worſhipping him in Spirit and Truth.* Altho' no Informers came to any of the Meetings appointed by me, in all my Journey through *Weſtmoreland, &c.* which bowed my Mind in true Thankfulneſs unto the God of Heaven and Earth, for his merciful Preſervation and divine Protection.

In the Year 1682 a Concern was upon me from the Lord to go into *Ireland* in the Service of the Truth, under which I laboured for ſome time; *Thomas Wilſon*, a young Man from *Coldbeck*, being at our Week-day Meeting, as he was going to viſit Friends in *Ireland*; altho' I did not acquaint him with what was upon my Mind, yet after he was gone my Exerciſe increaſed upon me to ſuch a Degree, that I freely gave up unto the Manifeſtations of God's Will revealed to me. Then I acquainted my Brethren therewith, and they had Unity with me therein, believing the Lord had called me thereunto; ſo I took

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Leave of them in much Tenderneſs in the Love of God, and took Shipping at *Workington* for *Ireland*, and arrived ſafe at *Dublin*.

The next Day I went to their Meeting, and the Lord by his ancient Goodneſs did eminently break in amongſt us, and refreſhed our Souls with his divine Love, which brought me under a renewed Obligation to celebrate his great Name, who had preſerved me both by Sea and Land; after the Meeting I went into the Country and viſited Friends Meetings until I came into the County of *Wexford*, where I met with *Thomas Wilſon*; and our Concerns being one Way, we traveled together through the Provinces of *Leinſter* and *Munſter* in great Humility, Godly Fear, and true Brotherly Love; our Hearts being often tendered in Meetings, and the Hearts of Friends alſo in moſt Places where we came: So being clear of thoſe Parts, my Companion ſtayed at *Waterford*, and I went *North*, and had ſeveral Meetings amongſt People that profeſſed not with us, and ſeveral were Convinced.

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Now finding my ſelf clear of the *North*, I returned to *Dublin*, and had ſome Service in that City; ſo took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, and in our Voyage, near the *Iſle of Man*, we had a great Storm, and were in Danger; but through the good Providence of God we got to Land in *Wales*, where I had ſome Service for the Truth; after which we proceeded on our Voyage, and arrived ſafe at *Whitehaven*; ſo went home, being truly thankful unto the Lord for his manifold Preſervations both by Sea and Land.

In the Year 1683, I felt Drawings in my Mind to viſit Friends in *Scotland*; ſo being reſigned to anſwer what I believed was required of me, I took my Journey on foot, (not having any Companion) yet the Love of God was ſuch in my Heart, that I freely gave up to follow him. When I was in the Border, a Young Man belonging to that Meeting had a Concern to go along with me, whoſe Company was both ſerviceable and acceptable; our Unity was ſweet and pleaſant in the Lord: We travelled through the *South*, and the Lord was with

with us and enabled us to perform our Services. Then we paſſed into the *North* to *Aberdeen*, *&c.* where we met with our Friends *George Rook* and *Andrew Taylor*. We were at ſeveral Meetings together, and were ſweetly comforted in the Lord, and one another. We had a Meeting on board a Ship that was bound for *Jerſey* in *America*, there being ſeveral Friends on board that were Paſſengers; after the Meeting we took Leave of them in the Love of God, ſo travelled through the *North*, and had many refreſhing Seaſons in the Enjoyment of God's Love; ſeveral Hearts were reached, and ſome Convinced: When we were clear, we returned into the *Weſt*, and viſited Friends there; ſo returned into *England* as with Sheaves in our Boſoms, which occaſioned Praiſes to ſpring in our Hearts to the Lord.

Some time after I was drawn forth to viſit Friends in the *North* of *England*; ſo I went into *Weſtmoreland*, and at *Kendal* I met with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, (who was my Fellow-labourer in the Work of the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt) we had a Meeting there, and

and it being a Time of great Perſecution, many Friends ſuffered deeply by wicked and unreaſonable Men; but the Lord ſupported us in the Time of Exerciſes. A little after we were gone into the Meeting the Officers came and were very rude; then *Thomas Wilſon* ſtood up and preached the Goſpel in the Authority of the Power of God, which mightily affected the Hearts of Friends; then one of the Officers came and pulled him out of the Meeting, and kept him there; after which I was engaged in the Love of God, and ſtood up and bore a Teſtimony to his Name and Truth; then the Officers ſaid, *there is another preaching, they will never be quiet ſo long as any are left in the Houſe*; ſo they took me forth alſo, and kept us a little Time, but ſuffered us to go into the Meeting again; ſo we ſat down and waited upon the Lord: Some time after I was engaged in Prayer; they came ruſhing in to pull me away again, but the Power of the Lord was over all, which ſo chained down that perſecuting Spirit, that they had not Power to break up our Meeting, ſo were fruſtrated, and the Name of our God exalted, and ſet over the Oppoſers; many of their Hearts

were reached by his divine Power; ſo we ſaw that Saying fulfilled, *When a Man's Ways pleaſe the Lord, he maketh even his Enemies to be at Peace with him.* Prov. xvi. 7. Then I parted with my Companion, and went into *Lancaſhire*, and the Edge of *Yorkſhire*, where ſeveral were convinced at that Time: So finding my ſelf clear, I returned home and followed my Trade, (which was a *Fellmonger*) and was diligent in attending our own Meetings, in which I had Peace and inward Satisfaction of Soul.

In the Year 1684, I with my Companion *Thomas Wilſon* travelled through *Lancaſhire* and *Cheſhire* into *Wales*, Friends being ſtill under deep Exerciſes by reaſon of the perſecuting Spirit which was riſen up againſt the Church of God, inſomuch that Friends were often impriſoned, fined, and had their Goods taken from them; but we being drawn forth by the Love of God, (who ſets Bounds to the Waters and rebukes the Seas, cauſeth the Horn of the Wicked to be broken, and reſtraineth the Remainder of the Wrath of Man, when he hath ſuffered the Rod of the Wicked to be laid upon

upon the Back of the Righteous for a Seaſon, for a Trial of their Faith, that it may appear much more precious than that of Gold, that by it they may live thro' all, and follow the Lamb through many Tribulations, and know their Garments waſhed in his precious Blood; as bleſſed be the Lord we were made Witneſſes of his divine Power in our Travels, both inwardly and outwardly.) We entered into *North Wales* in the Depth of Winter, and all Things were made pleaſant unto us in the Love of God, which we were meaſurably made Partakers of.

The firſt Meeting we had in *Wales* the Lord did eminently appear amongſt us, and filled our Hearts with Praiſes unto his holy Name: So we travelled through *North Wales*, and had good Service for the Truth; *Robert Vahan* was there Convinced of the Truth, and became a very ſerviceable Man, being afterwards called to the Work of the Miniſtry; then we went into *South Wales* to *Haverfordweſt*, and had ſome Service there among the People: In all this Way no Informers came to any of our Meetings, until we came to *Redſtone* in *Pembrookſhire*, where

we had a Meeting, unto which there came two Informers; my Companion was preaching the Word of the Lord to the People when they came in, (one of them came to take him out of the Meeting, but the Lord reſtrained him;) ſo he went on in his Teſtimony, being attended with that irreſiſtible Power which chained down the wicked Informer, that the Teſtimony of Truth prevailed. After he had cleared himſelf he ſat down; then the Informer ſwore a great Oath, and ſaid, *there ſhould not another Word be ſpoken there*; but finding my Heart engaged in the Love of God to pray to him, and implore his divine Aſſiſtance, the Informer came to pull me away, but he could not, for the Lord by his Power reſtrained him, and ſet his Truth over the Heads of the Oppoſers, and Friends Spirits were raiſed into Dominion over the Adverſary and his Inſtruments; ſo the Meeting ended in praiſing and giving of Thanks unto the Lord, and we came away in ſweet Peace, for we may ſay, the Lord fulfilled the Promiſe, made to *Jeruſalem*, unto us, *That he would be a Wall of Fire round about her, and the Glory in the midſt of her*, Zech. ii. 5. For the Over-

Over-ſhadowing of his Love was with us, and we had many precious Meetings in thoſe Parts.

Then we went to *Swanzey*, and had Service there, perſwading the People to be reconciled to God, and one to another; ſo came into *North-Wales*, where I parted with my Companion, he returned Home, but I having a Concern upon me to viſit Friends in *Ireland*, went through the *North* into the Iſle of *Angleſea*, and took Shipping at *Holyhead* for *Dublin*, and having a fair Wind, we had a proſperous Voyage, until we got over the Bar of *Dublin*, then a great Storm aroſe, and the Veſſel ſtruck ground, and we were in danger to be wreck'd, but the Lord order'd it otherwiſe; ſo I got ſafe to *Dublin*, which filled my Heart with Thankfulneſs to the Almighty for ſo wonderfully preſerving of us, (*John Burnyeat* landed in the *North* of *Ireland*, through great Danger, at the ſame Time) it being ſuch a Storm, that few Veſſels got to *Ireland* for two Weeks after. Then in Obedience to the Will of God I went into *Leinſter*, and viſited Friends, where I met with *Thomas Traf-*

ford, who travelled through *Munſter* with me: I had a general Warning to Friends, *to be careful that they might have an Habitation and Settlement in the Power of God; for a Time of Trial would come upon them, that would try all their Foundations, and none would be able to ſtand, nor be ſafe, but thoſe that ſhould be ſettled upon the Rock Chriſt Jeſus, and gathered under his peaceable Government; thoſe would know a dwelling ſafely, and a being quiet from the Fear of Evil:* And as the Lord gave the Word, he alſo gave Power and Strength to publiſh it; (it ſeized upon my Spirit when I was in that Nation before, that a Day of Trial would be brought upon the Inhabitants thereof, I beheld *as if they were encompaſſed with Weapons of War.)* ſo having cleared my ſelf, I returned to *Dublin*, and took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, where I landed ſafely, and came Home as with Sheaves in my Boſom, feeling the Evidence of God's Spirit ſpeaking Peace to me, which my Soul deſired more than all: Shortly after this the Wars broke out in *Ireland*, and many ſuffered deeply thereby.

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In the Year 1686 I was moved of the Lord to travel into the *Weſt* and *South* Parts of *England*, and as I was drawn by his holy Spirit, I was made willing to follow him, in which I found true Peace; and as my Eye was kept ſingle, every Day waiting for the Motion of the Word of Life, I found the Lord to fit and qualify me for every Day's Service, and endue with Power from on high; ſo I took my Journey through ſeveral Counties: And when I came to *Briſtol*, I found Friends were under great Sufferings, who being kept out of their Meeting-houſe, the Meeting was held in the Yard; many Friends being then in Priſon, it conſiſted moſtly of Women and Children, yet the Lord was graciouſly pleaſed to own us with the Overſhadowings of his Love, whereby we were encouraged to truſt in him alone, who is able to preſerve his People in the midſt of Afflictions, and work their Deliverance at his own Pleaſure.

From *Briſtol* I went into *Cornwal*, and had ſeveral Meetings in Places and Towns where none had been before, and found great Openneſs among the People: At

Newland and *Mouſehole* they threatned to ſtone me, but the Lord reſtrained them, and enabled me to preach the Way of Life and Salvation, in the Authority and Power of God, by which many Hearts were reached, and a Love rais'd in the People; ſo I came away in Peace, and returned into *Devonſhire*, where I had a Meeting in the Street at a Town called *Kirton*; there were many Hundreds of People, ſome of whom were very ſober and attentive, but others behaved very rudely and caſt Stones at me, which was occaſioned by the Inſtigation of a Prieſt, who adviſed them to ſtone me out of Town, (as I was told afterwards) but the Lord preſerved me from Harm, and the Teſtimony which I had to bear among them reached the Witneſs of God in the Hearts of ſeveral, ſo that divers were convinced of the Truth, and a Meeting was afterwards ſettled in that Town.

The next Day I had a Meeting at a Place not far diſtant, where were many ſober People; but a Conſtable came and took me, and carried me before Juſtice *Tuckfield*, who ſaid, *he was informed that I had kept a Conventicle contrary to Law.*

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I aſked, *who informed him?* He replied, *I ſuppoſe you cannot deny it:* I told him, *the Law did not enjoin any Man to be his own Accuſer:* Then in a very mild manner he ſaid, *the Conſtable inform'd him*; at which the Conſtable was a little confuſed, and appeared dejected, to be called an *Informer* by the Juſtice: So after ſome Diſcourſe, the Juſtice ſpoke kindly to me and ſaid, *he would ſhew me all the Favour he could, and if I had any Thing further to ſpeak, he was willing to hear me,* I replied, *I am glad that I am brought before a Magiſtrate ſo willing to hear, and from whom I expect Juſtice,* (which accordingly I had) ſo I ſpoke what the Lord open'd in my Heart to him and the reſt of the Family, who ſeemed to be much affected therewith; then he gave me my Liberty, and prayed *that God might go along with me whereſoever I went*; ſo I came to witneſs that Saying of Chriſt Jeſus our Lord to be fulfilled, which he ſpoke to his Diſciples, viz. *Ye ſhall be brought before Governors and Kings for my Sake, for a Teſtimony againſt them and the Gentiles; but when they deliver you up, take no Thought how or what you ſhall ſpeak, for it ſhall be given you in that ſame Hour*

Hour what you ſhall ſpeak. For it is not you that ſpeak, but the Spirit of your Father which ſpeaketh in you. Mat. x. 18, 19, 20. So I may ſay, the Lord is the ſame unto all that he ſends forth, (tho' as Lambs among Wolves,) and is Mouth and Wiſdom to his little Ones, goes along with them, and bears them up in all Exerciſes, bleſſed be his Name for ever.

Then I came into *Somerſetſhire* and had many bleſſed Meetings, and ſeveral were convinced of the Truth, and went to *Briſtol*; the Storm of Perſecution being ſomewhat abated, Friends who had been in Priſon were ſet at Liberty; we had very large Meetings, and the Lord by his infinite Love was graciouſly pleaſed to manifeſt his Power among us, by which our Hearts were tendered before him; it was a Day of God's Viſitation to the Inhabitants of that City, many Hearts were reached, ſeveral convinced and received the Truth: So being clear of the City I went into *Wiltſhire*, where a *crafty wicked Spirit* had been at work among Friends, which had ſeparated ſeveral from God, his Church and People; among whom I laboured for the reconciling

reconciling and bringing of them unto God again; and the Lord by his Spirit enabled me to bear my Teſtimony, and the Hearts of ſeveral were reached and helped thereby. When I had viſited Friends in that County, I appointed a Meeting to take my Leave of them, and ſeveral of the *Separates* being there, (under whoſe dark Spirits my Soul had been much oppreſſed, and travelled in Heavineſs and Sorrow,) which made me cry unto the Lord for Deliverance, and He, that never ſaid unto the Seed of *Jacob Seek my Face in vain*, heard and anſwered, and bore up my Spirit in deep Afflictions, and gave me Ability to clear my ſelf, and place Judgment upon that *rending Spirit* which was lifted up above the pure Fear of God, that I came away in great Peace, having my Heart filled with Praiſes unto the Lord.

Then I travelled into *Dorſetſhire*, and viſited Friends in that County, and had good Service, ſeveral were convinced of the Truth: When finding my Heart engaged in the Love of God to viſit the Inhabitants of the Iſle of *Portland*, in Obedience to the Lord's Requirings I went,

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divers Friends from *Weymouth* accompanying me; we had a Meeting there, to which ſeveral of the Inhabitants came, ſo that the Houſe not being large enough to contain them, we kept the Meeting without Doors; and when I was bowed down in Prayer unto the Lord, a Conſtable came and dragged me from off my Knees, with an intent to have caſt me into a deep Pool of Water, but the People would not ſuffer him, ſo he left me, and I continued ſupplicating the Name of the Lord: After I aroſe from Prayer, I was engaged in the Love of God to bear a Teſtimony among the People; when the Conſtable came again, and dragged me from among them, caſt me down among Stones, and bruiſed my Body to the ſhedding of my Blood, beat me upon my Breaſt with his Fiſt, and ſaid, *if I would not go out of the Iſland, he would put me in the Stocks*, and was going to do ſo, but was hindered by another Man; then the People gathered about me, and I exhorted them to fear the Lord, which ſo enraged the Conſtable, that he took hold of me, and hit me ſeveral Blows upon my Breaſt, and dragged me away, abuſing me both with

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Hands and Tongue until he had wearied himſelf; then he commanded ſix idle drunken Men to drag me away, who took me by the Legs and Arms, and dragged my Head againſt the Stones, whereby I loſt much Blood; many of the People followed weeping, being troubled to ſee me ſo much abuſed, for ſome of my Blood was upon all thoſe that laid violent Hands upon me: Then the Conſtable came again, and ſtruck me ſeveral times, ſo they continued dragging and beating me until I was ſcarce able to ſtand, but as I was ſupported by two Friends: Many concluded I was killed, but the Lord made it very eaſy to me by the Sweetneſs of his Love, with which my Heart was filled to the Inhabitants of that Iſland, ſo that I heartily deſired the Lord would forgive thoſe that had done me moſt Harm: Many Hearts were reached that Day by the Power of God.

After the Meeting was over I returned to *Weymouth*, and had a Meeting there that Night, to which ſeveral of the Inhabitants came, and a bleſſed heavenly Meeting we had, the Lord's Power and Preſence being manifeſted amongſt us, to the

the refreshing and comforting of our Souls: From thence I travelled to *Ringwood* and *Southampton*, and so into the Isle of *Wight*, where I had some Service among the People: Then travelled thro' *Hampshire* and *Surry*, visiting Friends Meetings all along until I came to *London*, where I had a comfortable Time among Friends.

After I had visited Friends in that City I went into *Kent*, and laboured in the Work of the Gospel, in that Ability God gave to me, (in which I found true Peace) and many were convinced. From thence I went into *Sussex*, and visited Friends there, so returned to *London* again; and after some Stay there I travelled into *Essex*, *Suffolk*, and *Norfolk*, and the Lord largely manifested his Love to me, by which I was enabled to perform the Work and Service he had called me unto, so that I found my Heart to be daily engaged to follow him in the Way of his Requirings: Then I went to *Norwich*, where Friends had undergone much Persecution and Imprisonment, but then had some Liberty; many People came to our Meetings, and were open to receive

ceive the Teſtimony of Truth; I had ſeveral comfortable Meetings among God's ſuffering Children: After I had travelled through ſeveral Parts, I returned to *London* again, where I met with my Brethren, who came from ſeveral Parts of this Nation to attend the Yearly Meeting; and the Glory of the Lord was manifeſted amongſt us, and opened our Hearts unto him and one unto another: Many living Teſtimonies were born to his great Name, ſo that I may ſay, it was like the Time of *Pentecoſt*, when the Diſciples of Chriſt were met, and filled with the Holy Ghoſt; for we were met with one Accord, and our Hearts were truly tendered in the Love of God, whereby we were enabled to offer unto him the Sacrifice of broken Hearts, acceptable and well pleaſing in his Sight, who is God bleſſed for ever.

Having for ſome Time had Drawings in my Mind to viſit Friends in *Holland*, and ſome Parts adjacent, I took my Journey from *London* along with *Peter Fearon*, who had the like Concern; we went to *Colcheſter*, and thence to *Harwich*, where we took Shipping; and it

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was ſhewed me *we ſhould meet with ſome Exerciſe on the Coaſt of* Holland, which accordingly we did; for after we made Land, we took up a Ship that was turned a-drift, which had neither Men nor Goods in her, a *Turkiſh* Pirate having taken both; ſoon after we came in Sight of the *Turkiſh* Veſſel, who made after us, and our Men began to be afraid, and alter'd their Courſe, in order to make for a Point of Land that was in ſight, for the Maſter ſaid, *he would venture our Lives and the Ship, before we ſhould be taken Captives by the* Turks; my Mind being inwardly retired to the Lord, he ſhewed me, *he would not ſuffer them to harm us*; and that was the Straight which I had a Sight we ſhould meet with, ſo I deſired the Maſter to alter his Courſe and ſtand for the Harbour, but he was very unwilling, altho', after ſome Entreaty, he gave Orders to bear up the Helm and ſteer for the Harbour; then the *Turks* altered their Courſe, and we eſcaped, and got ſafe to our deſired Port at the *Brill*, having ſeen the Lord's Power made manifeſt in preſerving us from the Hands of unreaſonable Men; which brought us under a renewed Obligation to bleſs and praiſe his Name.

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The next Day we took our Journey for *Rotterdam*, and the Day following had a Meeting there, and ſpoke to the People by an *Interpreter*, which was ſomething hard for us, yet the Lord, that called us into his Service, fitted us for it, and was effectually with us to the bearing up of our Spirits, and ſettling them into ſuch a Frame as the Service required. After the Meeting was ended we took our Journey to *Amſterdam*, being there at the Time of the Yearly Meeting; we had many heavenly Seaſons together, in which our Hearts were bound up with Truth, and one with another: In that City we had much Exerciſe of Spirit, for many People reſorted thither from ſeveral Parts, and ſome were reached by the Truth. And after the Meetings were over the *Interpreter* told me of a City called *Horn*, in which there was a People enquiring after the Truth, which I was glad of, for I had a Concern for the Place before I left my outward Habitation, ſo we took our Journey to *Alkmaer*, and had a Meeting there, and then went to *Horn*, where we were gladly received by a ſober People who had never been viſited by Friends before, and were wil-

ling to have a Meeting with us, wherein the Lord favoured us with his heavenly Power, whereby we were enabled to proclaim the everlaſting Goſpel amongſt them, which ſo affected their Hearts that ſeveral confeſſed to the Truth; we came away in Peace, and took our Voyage for *Frieſland*, and travelled thro' it, having ſeveral Meetings amongſt the People; the Lord's heavenly Power and Preſence ſtill attended, and preſerved us both by Sea and Land, for which we were truly thankful to him, who is God worthy for ever.

Then we went to *Groningen*, and ſo to *Embden*, and had a Meeting there, to which many of the Magiſtrates came; and when we were clear of that City, we returned back to *Amſterdam*; (and the Lord was pleaſed to go along with us, and ſweetned all our Exerciſes) I went to the *Jew's* Synagogue, and had a Diſpute with one of them in the Audience of the People, and he acknowledged what I ſpoke *was true*; I was concerned to ſpeak of the New Covenant God promiſed he would make with the Houſe of *Judah* and *Iſrael*, *Jerem.* xxxi. 33. that *He would write his Law*

Law in their Hearts, and put his Spirit in their Minds, and the Law is *Light*, and the Commandment a *Lamp*, and the Reproof of Inſtruction is *the Way of Life*: Then I aſked him, *if he did not find ſomething in the Secret of his Heart which reproved him for Sin?* And he owned *he did*: I told him *that was the Appearance of the Spirit of Chriſt, which reproves for Sin and Unbelief*: Then he aſked me, *if the Law was not good*, and *what I thought concerning their Worſhip?* I anſwered, *I may ſay as the Queen of* Sheba *ſaid, when ſhe went to ſee the Wiſdom of* Solomon, *and the Order that was in his Houſe*, that *one Half was not told her*; ſo tho' I had heard *of their Rudeneſs and Lightneſs in their Devotion, yet one Half was not told me of what my Eyes had ſeen that Day*: I reproved them for it, and came away in much Peace.

Then we came to *Rotterdam* and took Shipping for *Colcheſter* in *England*; and in our Voyage we were in Danger by reaſon of a great Storm, but we ſaw the Wonders of the Lord wrought for our Deliverance, and got ſafe to our intended Port, ſo that we may ſay, the Lord is large in his Love, and of great Kindneſs

to them that are truly given up to follow him; then we travelled to *London*, where we had deep Exerciſes with ſeveral *bad Spirits*, but the Lord was with us, and enabled us to bear our Teſtimonies againſt them, and for the Truth, and thoſe that lived in Obedience thereunto, amongſt whom we were truly comforted, finding Truth to prevail, and Righteouſneſs to flouriſh, which was what our Souls travelled for.

Having cleared ourſelves of that City we travelled to *Reading*, and had ſome Service there; at which Place I parted with my Companion, and travelled into *Oxfordſhire*, and viſited Friends, and felt the Sweetneſs of the Love of God in their Aſſemblies; and from thence to *Briſtol* and *Roſs*, and ſo to *Monmouth*, where I had a Meeting in the Market-houſe, to which many People came, and ſome were very rude and caſt a Fire-ball at me, but the Lord by his Power preſerved us, ſo that it did neither me nor any there harm, and gave me Power to proclaim his everlaſting Goſpel, and enabled me to ſet the Teſtimony of Truth over the Heads of the Oppoſers of it, ſo that they became

became very ſober, and I had Time to clear my ſelf amongſt them: After the Meeting was over they deſired me to have another, and ſaid, *I ſhould have no Diſturbance*; but finding my ſelf clear, I went from thence, and travelled through *South Wales*, viſiting Friends Meetings, and the Lord was with me to my great Comfort: Then I went to *Cardigan* along with another Friend, and we had a Meeting in the Seſſion's Houſe, to which came the Mayor, Aldermen, and ſeveral People of the Town, and the Lord was with us, and gave Strength and Ability to proclaim the Goſpel amongſt them, by which ſeveral Hearts were tendered and reached, many confeſſed to the Truth and invited us to their Houſes; we went to viſit them, and had a Diſpute with a *High Profeſſor* relating to our Principles and Doctrine, and the Lord ſtood by us, and gave us Wiſdom to anſwer ſuch Things as were objected againſt us, and the People went away generally well ſatisfied. After this Meeting I travelled into *North Wales*, and viſited Friends, and was refreſhed amongſt them in the Love of God; at *Deloberan* I met with *Thomas Wilſon* and *William Greenup*, who were

travelling towards *Briſtol*, we had ſeveral Meetings together, and were ſweetly refreſhed in the Love of God; after which I returned home and ſtaid ſome time.

Then finding my Heart engaged to viſit Friends in *Yorkſhire*, I went in Company with another Friend to *York*, where I had many precious Meetings; and a Concern came upon me to viſit thoſe that had gone out from amongſt Friends into a *contentious Spirit*, and in Obedience to the Lord's Requirings I went, and warned them to repent and return unto the Lord whilſt he ſtrove with them, leſt their Day of Viſitation ſhould paſs over, and it might be ſaid, as it was to *Ephraim*, *Let him alone, he is joined unto Idols*; but it may be ſaid of them as it was of ſome of old, that *they went out from us, becauſe they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifeſt they were not all of us*; and after I had cleared my ſelf, I came away in true Peace of Soul, ſo travelled through the *Eaſt* of *Yorkſhire*, *Biſhoprick*, and *Northumberland*, and viſited Friends; then returned home, having had

had many precious Meetings amongſt my Brethren in the Love of God.

Sometime after I had a Concern upon me to viſit the Churches of Chriſt in the Nation of *Ireland*, ſo I went to *Whitehaven* and took Shipping for *Dublin*, the Ship's Company were high Profeſſors, there being a *Preſbyterian* Preacher on board alſo; they began to reflect againſt Friends and their Principles, but the Lord gave me Wiſdom and Ability to ſet the Truth over their Heads, and to prove our Principles by Scripture, which bowed me in Thankfulneſs to the Lord, who never forſakes thoſe that are truly concerned for his Truth and Glory, but bears up their Spirits in all Exerciſes, and carries them through to the Exaltation of his own Name; we landed ſafe at *Dublin*, where I met with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, and many more travelling Friends from ſeveral Parts of the Nation, who were come to the Half Year's Meeting, which was very large; a bleſſed heavenly Meeting we had in the Enjoyment of God's Love, Friends being in ſweet Unity one with another, our Hearts were filled with Joy

and Gladneſs, and many living Teſtimonies born, with heavenly Exhortations one to another to be faithful and walk worthy of the Lord's tender Mercies, that ſo they might be continued unto us, and we, in the Enjoyment of them, might grow in the Life of Righteouſneſs as God's Heritage and Huſbandry, and bring forth Fruits to his Honour: After ſeveral Days ſpent in ſuch Exhortations, and taking Inſpection into the State and Affairs of the Churches of Chriſt the Nation over, the Meeting ended in a Senſe of God's Love, with Hearts full of Praiſes to his holy Name.

After the Meeting I travelled through *Wicklow* and *Wexford* to the provincial Meeting at *Limerick*, and the Lord was graciouſly pleaſed to go along with me, and ſtrengthned me with his living Preſence, whereby I was enabled to anſwer his Requirings: From thence I returned to the provincial Meeting at *Roſenallies*, where I met with *John Burnyeat*, who was as a tender Nurſing Father to me, we had many heavenly Seaſons together. I travelled into the *North*, where I viſited Friends, and laboured in that Ability God

God gave me, warning and cautioning People to repent, and turn to the Lord whilſt the Day of their Viſitation laſted, adviſing Friends to Faithfulneſs, and to mind their Settlement in the Lord's Power, that would remain when all other Things might fail; ſo finding my ſelf clear, I returned to *Dublin*, and took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, where I arrived ſafely and ſtaid ſome time.

Then I travelled into *North Wales*, having a Friend of the Miniſtry along with me, and the Lord enabled us to proclaim his everlaſting Goſpel, whereby many Hearts were reached, and the Churches of Chriſt confirmed; and when we had viſited *North Wales*, we travelled into the *South Parts* into *Pembrokeſhire*, *Glamorganſhire*, *Monmouthſhire*, and ſo to *Briſtol*, *Somerſetſhire*, *Devonſhire*, and *Cornwall*, and had good Service; altho' great Exerciſes attended us in divers Reſpects, the Nation being in Confuſion by reaſon of the *Revolution* of *Government*, which happened at that Time, the devouring Sword being drawn, but the Lord in Mercy to the People reſtrained it; we laboured in the Love of God amongſt them, for the

the turning of their Minds to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, that thereby they might come to know him to rule over them, and that Scripture fulfilled, that tho' *every Battle of the Warrior is with confuſed Noiſe, and Garments rolled in Blood, but this ſhall be with burning and Fuel of Fire. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the Government ſhall be upon his Shoulder: his Name ſhall be ealled* Wonderful, Counſeller, *the* Mighty God, *the* Everlaſting Father, *the* Prince of Peace; *of the Increaſe of whoſe Peace and Government there ſhall be no End:* Iſa. ix. 5, 6, 7. As bleſſed be the Name of our God, many can ſay he rules in their Hearts, and ſways his righteous Scepter there, and theſe know his Kingdom (as he ſaid himſelf) *not to be of this World*, therefore they cannot fight, but are ſubject to the royal Law, *to do to all Men as they would be done by*; and in this peaceable Spirit we travelled and laboured to preach the Goſpel in many Parts of this Nation: So came to *London* to the Yearly Meeting, where Friends from ſeveral Parts were, and the Lord by his heavenly Power overſhadowed our Souls, and opened the Fountain of Wiſdom

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amongſt us, which was in many as deep Waters, and flowed through them to the refreſhing of God's Heritage, in a Senſe of which the Meeting ended: After we had travelled through *Suſſex* and *Kent*, I with my Companion returned to *York*, and was at the Yearly Meeting there, and ſo home, where I ſtaid ſome time.

Finding Drawings in my Mind to viſit the Churches of Chriſt in the *Eaſt* of *England*, I travelled into *Lincolnſhire*, and ſome other Parts, and then into *Nottinghamſhire*, *Leiceſterſhire*, *Warwickſhire*, *Gloceſterſhire*, and ſo to *Briſtol*, where I met with my Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, and we travelled together as far as the *Land's-End*, and had good Service in ſeveral Places, having Meetings in Towns where none had been before; returning back by *Briſtol*, and ſo into *Wales*, and through *Gloceſterſhire*, and ſome Part of *Oxfordſhire*, by *London* to *Surry*, and *Hampſhire*: and after I had viſited Friends in thoſe Counties, I returned again to *London* to the Yearly Meeting, where I met with many Brethren, and we were comforted in the Lord, and had ſweet Unity and Concord together. After the

Meeting

Meeting *John Tiffin*, a Friend in the Miniſtry, and I travelled through *Berkſhire* and *Wiltſhire* to *Briſtol*, from whence we returned home in Peace, with true Thankfulneſs for the Lord's continued Favours.

In the Year 1690 I had a Concern upon me to viſit Friends in *Scotland*, and in Company with another Friend travelled into the *Weſt*, where we had good Service; then croſſed through the Country to *Edinburgh*, where many Hearts were reached by the Truth; from thence down into the *North* to *Robert Barclay*'s at *Ury*, and he travelled to *Aberdeen* with us, and through the *North*, and viſited Friends, it being a Time when there were great Troubles in the Nation, but the Lord preſerved us every way; and we returned to *Robert Barclay*'s Houſe to a General Meeting, from thence we returned home as with Sheaves in our Boſoms, being truly thankful unto the Lord, in that he had preſerved us out of the Hands of unreaſonable Men, and aſſiſted us by his Spirit to anſwer his Requirings, in which we found true Peace to flow, and a Willingneſs wrought in our Hearts to follow him where-

where-ever he was pleaſed to draw us, who is known to go in and out before his People, bleſſed be his Name for ever.

On the 23d of the eleventh Month 1690 I took my Journey for *London*; at *Swarthmore* I met with the Tidings of the Removal of our dear Friend *George Fox*, which occaſioned deep Sorrow in my Heart; but when I turned my Mind to the Lord, I found *he had done the Work of his Day*, and *was gone to Reſt*, and we muſt be content, and they would be happy that followed his Foot-ſteps: So I travelled to *London* viſiting Friends as I went; from thence to *Kingſton*, where I met with my Companion *Thomas Wilſon*; we returned to *London*, and afterwards went into *Eſſex*, *Suffolk*, *Norfolk* and *Cambridgeſhire*, and had good Service for the Truth; then returned to *London*, where we ſtaid the Yearly Meeting, and were truly refreſhed in the Love of God with our faithful Brethren.

After the Yearly Meeting, I with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon* took our Voyage for *Barbadoes* on the 9th of the fifth Month 1691 (a Concern having been upon

upon me for many Years to visit Friends in *America*,) the Fullneſs of Time being come, a Willingneſs was wrought in my Heart through the Power of God, that I freely gave up to answer his Requirings, having Experience he had not failed to help in the Midſt of eminent Dangers, which were very apparent at that Time, the *Engliſh* and *French* being at War; many Friends accompanying us down to *Graveſend*, where we had a Meeting next Day, and took our Leave of Friends in much Love and Tenderneſs; the Day following we went on board the Ship and ſailed to the *Downs*, where we ſtaying ſome Days for the Fleet, went aſhore and had ſeveral precious Meetings, the Lord's Power being manifeſted to our great Comfort, by which we were made willing to take our Lives as in our Hands, leave our native Country, and all in this World that was near to us, in Obedience to his pure Will.

From hence we ſet ſail and touched at *Plimouth*, and *Falmouth*, where we went aſhore and had ſeveral precious Meetings, the Lord's wonted Preſence was witneſſed, and we were comforted with our Friends,

Praiſes

Praiſes be to his holy Name for ever; we ſet ſail from *Falmouth*, and loſt Sight of Land that Night, being Eighteen Sail in Company; after we had ſail'd a few Days we met with the *French* Fleet, Sixty or more in Number, who came up with us, and fired ſeveral Times at us, and laboured to compaſs us round, ſo that there ſeemed little or no Hopes for any of us to eſcape; but our Cries and Supplications were to the Lord, by whom Deliverance comes, and true Help is known in the Time of Need, and He in this Straight made manifeſt his Power, and in an unexpected Way, to the Eye of Reaſon, Deliverance came; we were not ſo much concerned for the Loſs of any Thing in this World, or the Cruelty they would inflict upon us, as for the Honour and Reputation of his Truth, leſt the Enemies thereof ſhould falſly vaunt themſelves and ſay, *that God whom we ſerved was not able to ſave and carry us through in our Service*; but the Lord, who ſees the Sincerity of all Hearts, ſhewed his Wonders, (according to that Saying of the *Pſalmiſt*, *they that go down to the Sea in Ships, that do Buſineſs in great Waters, theſe ſee the Works of the Lord, and his*

Wonders

Wonders in the Deep) for the Lord heard us and granted our Requeſt, when moſt of our viſible Hopes were gone. After all our Fleet had ſtruck, and were taken by the *French*, except our Ship and Two others, and they were coming up to take ours, about the Firſt Hour in the Afternoon a thick Fog came on and ſpread around us, which prevented them in their Deſign; the Fog continued for about four Hours, and then it became clear, and we diſcovered a large Ship to Windward, from the Skirts of the *French* Fleet, which bore down upon us, but before ſhe got up with us the Fog came on again and encompaſſed us about; the Night came on and we ſaw her no more: Then not only ourſelves, but all the Ship's Crew, confeſſed it was the Lord's doings. Next Day we eſpied two Ships to Leeward, to which we hoiſted *Engliſh* Colours, and they anſwered; being the Two of our own Company which had eſcaped the *French*: And when Firſt-day came, the Maſters, and ſeveral of their Crews and Paſſengers of the other two Ships, came aboard ours, and we had a Meeting on the Quarter Deck; the Lord's Power was with us, and Truth's Teſti-

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mony was declared amongſt them: Several confeſſed thereto; and our Hearts were broken in a Senſe of God's Love and wonderful Mercies that overſhadowed our Souls in ſecret Retirement upon the deep Ocean: The Captain of our Ship was a very loving kind Man to us.

When we came into the Latitude of *Barbadoes*, a Ship to Windward bore down upon us, which our Maſter took to be a *French* Privateer, and made Preparation to fight her, and ordered all the Paſſengers but *Thomas* and *I* to take their Quarters, ſaying to us, *as for you, I know it is contrary to your Principle to fight, Lord forbid I ſhould compel any Man contrary to his Conſcience! take your Quarters with the Doctor*; at which the other Paſſengers were angry; I told them, *to ſhew it was not Cowardice but Conſcience, we would take our Quarters upon the* Quarter Deck; which ſet the Teſtimony of Truth over them, and they were quiet. When the Ship came up with us, it proved an *Engliſh* Veſſel; ſo we proceeded on our Voyage, and landed at *Barbadoes* on the 24th of the ſixth Month, where we found the Hand of the Lord upon the

Inhabitants of that Iſland, in viſiting them with great Sickneſſes, of which many Hundreds died: Our Hearts being filled with the Love of God, we were largely drawn forth to proclaim the everlaſting Goſpel to the People, and altho' the Sickneſs raged much, and many that went over with us died, yet the Lord preſerved us, and we went on in our Service; he was effectually with us, and by his Power the Inhabitants of the Iſland were alarmed; People flocked to our Meetings, and they were full and large, many were convinced, Friends confirmed, the Mouths of Gainſayers ſtopt, and the Hearts of the Faithful were made truly glad

When we had travelled the Iſland ſeveral Times over, finding our Spirits eaſy, we came to *Bridgetown*, were at their general Meeting, and had a fine Seaſon to take our Leave of Friends, cautioning them *to live in Unity together, and to keep in the one Spirit, that would keep them in one Mind, in which they would appear as Lilies among Thorns, and grow in the Life of Righteouſneſs*; in much Tenderneſs the Meeting ended: After which we went down to the Waterſide, parted with Friends,

Friends, and took Shipping for *New-York* on the 22d of the eighth Month, and had a comfortable Voyage till we came near the Coaſt of the Main Land; we met with a North Weſt Storm, but thro' ſome Difficulty arrived in *New-York* Harbour on the 23d of the ninth Month; from thence we went to *Long-Iſland*, and were at a general Meeting, which was very large and full; our Hearts were knit together in the Love of God and Unity of the one Spirit; we viſited Friends generally in the Iſland, and found great Openneſs to preach the Goſpel of Salvation unto the Inhabitants thereof, whereby many were convinced.

Being clear of the Iſland we took Boat at *New-York* and paſſed over to *Eaſt-Jerſey*, where we had ſeveral comfortable Meetings; after we had viſited Friends in *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Jerſey*, and had good Service among the People, we went into *Penſilvania*, where Meetings were full and large; our Hearts were opened, and Strength given to publiſh the Word of God; he bore up our Spirits in the deepeſt of Exerciſes in our inward Wreſtlings and outward Travels, being in the Cold

of Winter, and Meetings without Doors on the Snow, the Meeting-houſes not being large enough to contain the People. [There is a tender Hearted People in that Country who love the Lord; we laboured and travelled for their Growth and Settlement in the Truth] After which, being preſſed in our Minds to get on our Journey, we paſſed through the Woods in deep Snow, and croſſed the Rivers upon the Ice, until we came to *Cheſter-River* in *Maryland*, where we had ſome Service; from thence down to *Choptanck*, and viſited Friends there; then took Boat over *Cheſeapeak-Bay* to the *Weſtern-Shore* in *Maryland*, and were the next Day at their Quarterly Meeting, where we laboured for the ſtiring up of all to Righteouſneſs, and that nothing might be given way to that brings a Reproach to our holy Profeſſion, and pollutes the Camp of God.

When we had viſited Friends on that Shore we took Boat to croſs the Bay again, Night coming on and a thick Fog, we miſſed our Courſe and were caſt upon an Iſland, where we got to a Houſe and lay on the Ground among the *Negroes* until next Morning, then we ſet forward and got

got to the other Side, and viſited Friends; from thence we travelled to the *Eaſtern-Shore* in *Virginia*; being clear of that Side we croſſed *Cheſeapeak-Bay* to the *Weſtern-Shore* in *Virginia* with ſome Difficulty, and landed in *James-River*; next Day took our Journey, and viſited Friends, and had good Service; ſo proceeded on our Journey to *Carolina*, where the Floods were ſo great that we could not travel on Horſeback, but waded barefoot through Swamps and Waters; Friends and People were glad to ſee us, they not having had any Viſit from a Travelling Friend for ſeveral Years before; we had many comfortable Meetings among them.

After we were clear we took our Journey back through the Wilderneſs to the general Meeting at *Chucatuck* in *Virginia*; we warned them *to keep out of the ſuperfluous Faſhions of the World, which had too much prevailed among many*; the Lord by his Power broke in upon the Meeting, and the Entrance of his Word gave Life; the Weak were confirmed, the Faithful comforted, and Judgment placed upon the Head of the Tranſgreſſor, and *that Spirit* of *Separation* which was among them.

After we were clear of thoſe Parts we went towards the Falls of *James-River*, where we found a great Openneſs among the People, ſeveral being convinced; we laboured in Love for their Settlement in the Truth, and the bleſſed Order thereof; they were very willing to hearken to Counſel, and received us gladly: From thence we went through the Woods to *Black-Creak*, (a Place which had not been viſited by Friends before) and had a Meeting there, to which the Sheriff and ſome Officers with him came. When I was declaring the Truth among the People, the Sheriff aſked me, *by whoſe Authority I came there?* I told him, *in the Authority of the great God, to whom we muſt give an Account*; after ſome Diſcourſe, he commanded us *to leave the Meeting*; I deſired him *to ſhew his Moderation, and hear what we had to ſay*; upon which he and the Officers went away, and we kept our Meeting quietly, and ſeveral were reached by the Truth. (See *Thomas Wilſon*'s Journal.) After the Meeting we took our Journey towards *Maryland*, and travelled about a Hundred Miles through the Wilderneſs without a Guide, (except part of the firſt Day) and lodged in the Woods that Night, where

where we made a Fire againſt the Cold, and to keep the wild Beaſts from us, it being in the firſt Month, and very cold Weather: Next Morning early we ſet forward, and travelled moſt part of the Day; near the Evening we met with two Men, one of them being a Juſtice, he kindly invited us to his Houſe, it being about ten Miles diſtant; we went along with him, and ſtay'd two or three Days at his Houſe, and had a Meeting there; the Juſtice was very loving and confeſſed to the Truth: Then we paſſed over *Potomack-River* in a ſmall Yaul, where I ſwam my Horſe near three Miles; then we travelled thro' the Woods to *Potuxon-River*, and paſs'd over to the *Weſtern-ſhore* in *Maryland* with much Difficulty and Charge, and had many comfortable Meetings amongſt them: We then croſs'd *Cheſeapeak-Bay*, and travelled hard to get to the Yearly Meeting at *Salem* in *Jerſey*, which was held in the ſecond Month, where we met Friends from moſt Parts of the Country: Many glorious Meetings we had, and were livingly open'd to proclaim the everlaſting Goſpel and Day of God's Love to the Mourners in *Sion*, Encouragement to the Weak and Feeble, and Judgment to

the Fat and Full: The Meeting ended in Love and Unity, and our Hearts were filled with Praiſes to the Lord.

After the Meeting at *Salem* we went, in much Bowed-downneſs of Spirit, to *Philadelphia*, where *George Keith* had drawn ſeveral out from Friends into a *ſeparate Spirit*, to the Diſhonour of Truth and themſelves; but the Lord was pleaſed eminently to favour us with his Power and Preſence: He was Mouth and Wiſdom to us, and enabled us to ſet the Teſtimony of Truth over all the Oppoſers of it, ſo that many Hearts were reached and confirmed therein. [*For a more full Account ſee* Thomas Wilſon's *Journal.*]

Then we travelled into *Plymouth* Colony in *New-England*, and had many precious Meetings amongſt the Profeſſors; ſome were ſober and were convinced, but others remained in their perſecuting Spirit, rejecting the Truth. At *Sandwich* the Prieſt came and diſputed with me about *Religion*; at firſt he ſeemed pretty moderate, but I was concerned to lay open his *Deceit*, at which he grew peeviſh; then my Companion had much Diſcourſe with him,

him, and he was made to confeſs to the Truth: After which we went to *Yarmouth*, and found a tender-hearted People, and had Service among them. As we returned I overtook another Prieſt on the Road; he put ſeveral Queries to me, which I anſwered, and he confeſſed *it was Truth:* When we were about to part, he aſked *where I was going?* I told him to *Boſton*; he ſaid *he had known a Time when it would have been a dear going there for me*: I told him *that was no Credit to them*, and *that God would require it at their Hands*; to which he confeſſed, and ſaid *he was always againſt perſecuting of the* Quakers, *for which he was envied by many*: I aſked him *if he had ever declared his Mind in writing to the World, and denied ſuch bloody Practices?* He anſwered *he had not*; *but at all Times appeared againſt it.* So we parted from him and travelled to *Boſton*, and had many publick Meetings in that Place; but the Hearts of the People were ſo hard and ſet againſt the Truth, (notwithſtanding the Judgments of God which were fallen upon them for their Wickedneſs) that few of them would receive our Teſtimony: And after we had viſited *Boſton*, and

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Salem, and the Meetings there-about, we returned to *Rhode-Iſland*, and had ſeveral precious Meetings there.

Then we returned to *Boſton*, and *Salem*, ſo to *Hampton*, where the People had left their Habitations and were gone into Forts, for Fear of the *French* and *Indians*, who had burned ſeveral Towns, and carried many of the People captive to *Canada*. In this Time of great Fear we found an Openneſs among the People, and had a Time to clear our ſelves; after which we returned, not without ſome Danger, (the *Indians* having taken and killed People on the Road that Day) to *Salem*, ſo to *Boſton*, and returned towards *Rhode-Iſland*, having Meetings in the Country where no Friends dwelt. At *Warwick* we had a large Meeting, and ſeveral were convinced of the Truth: After which we travelled to *Providence* Yearly Meeting, there being many Hundreds of People there; the Lord's Power eminently broke in amongſt us, and our Hearts were melted together, in a Senſe of which we parted, took Boat and paſſed over to *Rhode-Iſland*, and had good Service among the People; then returned back

back towards *Boſton*, and had Meetings in the Country, where ſeveral were convinced; and came to *Boſton* in order to take Shipping for *Barbadoes*: During our Stay at *Boſton* we had ſeveral Meetings, Truth broke through and made way, whereby we were comforted amongſt Friends; Praiſes be to the Lord for ever.

On the 17th of the ſixth Month 1692 we took Shipping at *Boſton* for *Barbadoes*; after we had been ſome Days at Sea our Veſſel ſprung a Leak, and our Pumps would not clear her; upon Search we found the Place and got it ſtopt: In the Night following we met with a great Storm, which continued for three Days; moſt of the Ship's Crew concluded we ſhould be caſt away, but the Lord remembered us in Mercy, and rebuked the Winds and the Seas, and filled our Souls with the Joy of his Salvation, in whom we were made to rejoice. The Maſter of the Ship and Company being great Profeſſors, and Enemies in their Minds to us and our Principles, we had ſome Diſcourſe with them, and the Lord gave us Wiſdom to ſtand in our Teſtimony, and keep our Peace. The Maſter ſaid,

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if he was taken by the French, *it would be becauſe he had the* Quakers *on board:* But though there was a Privateer in the Latitude of *Barbadoes*, we landed ſafe at *Bridgetown* in *Barbadoes* on the 2d of the eighth Month.

After the Ship had ſtaid a few Weeks they put to Sea again, and ſhe was taken in Sight of the Iſland in their Return, when no *Quakers* were on board, and carried to *Martinico* by the *French*; which might plainly convince him of the erroneous Judgment he had relating the *Quakers*.

Friends were glad to ſee us, and we them: The Hand of the Lord being ſtill upon the Inhabitants, took many away by Death in ſore Diſtempers; and the *Negroes* at that Time made a Plot, intending to kill all the white People in the Iſland, but it being diſcovered they were prevented, altho' the white People were in great Fear: We laboured amongſt them in the Love of God, and his Preſence filled our Aſſemblies, by which the Hearts of his People were greatly tendered, and many that were Strangers to the

the Operation of Truth in their Hearts, were reached by the Power of God, and we favoured and preſerved both inwardly and outwardly: Friends were in ſweet Unity and Concord, and in much Tenderneſs we parted with them.

On the 19th of the ninth Month we took Shipping for *Antigua*, and landed there on the 23d of the ſame; we found a few Friends who were glad to ſee us, but the Inhabitants were very wicked, yet the Love of God was largely extended towards them, and we laboured in that Ability given unto us, which ſo affected their Hearts, that ſeveral were reached by the Power of God, and received the Truth in the Love of it during our Stay there. After we had cleared our ſelves of the Work and Service which the Lord required of us, we took Shipping for *Nevis* on the 30th of the tenth Month: The next Day after we ſet forward we narrowly eſcaped a *French* Privateer which was upon the Coaſt, and took a Ship out of the Harbour that Night; our Hearts were truly thankful unto the Almighty for his manifold Preſervations. Friends of the Iſland having Intelligence of our coming

coming there, two of them were upon the Shore waiting for us, who received us kindly: We ſtayed ſome Time on the Iſland, warning the Inhabitants *to repent, and turn to the Lord whilſt his Viſitation was extended to them:* Many Hearts were reached by the Power of God, and made to confeſs unto the Truth, and we found our Peace continued and increaſed with the Lord: And when we were ready to go out of the Iſland, we went to the Governor in order to have our Certificate ſigned by him, but he refuſed, and ſaid *we ſhould not go off the Iſland*: So we left him, and told the Maſter of the Veſſel with whom we had agreed for our Paſſage, who ſaid *he would go with us to the Governor*; (a ſober Man that was a Juſtice wrote to him alſo on our Behalf) when we appeared again before the Governor he ſeemed very high, yet after ſome Diſcourſe ſaid, *for the Maſter's and Juſtice's Sakes he would ſign it; but as for us, we might be Spies:* I told him *we were no Spies, but true Men, and did not come out of* England *unknown to the Government*; then I ſhewed him a *Paſs* which we had from the *Secretary* of *State*, wherein the Governors of the ſeveral

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Iſlands within the Dominions of *England* were commanded to let us paſs: After which he ſeemed very kind, and aſked *why we did not ſhew him it before?* We told him *we had not ſhewn it then, but to ſatisfy him we were* true Men, *and came in the Love of God to viſit the Inhabitants*; ſo we parted very friendly.

We took Shipping for *Whitehaven* on the 26th of the twelfth Month 1692, and the Lord wonderfully favoured us with his living Preſence, which cauſed Tears of Joy to flow. We landed ſafe at the *Highlands* in *Scotland* on the 15th of the ſecond Month 1693, and from thence travelled into *Cumberland* home, where we ſtaid but a few Weeks until we took our Journey to the Yearly Meeting at *London*; Friends were glad to ſee us ſafe returned from *America*. After the Meetings, which were to Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends, I returned to the Yearly Meeting at *York*, and viſited ſeveral Meetings in that County, and had Service there; ſo into *Cumberland*, and laboured, in the Ability given, for the ſtirring up of Friends to their religious Duties.

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At this Time I was engaged with a young Woman, belonging to our own Meeting at *Pardſhaw Cragg*, in order for *Marriage*; but finding I had ſome farther Service to perform before the accompliſhing of our Marriage, I acquainted her therewith; ſhe deſired me *to mind the Lord's Requirings, and anſwer them.*

On the 8th of the ninth Month 1693 I took my Journey into *Weſtmoreland*, and had *a Warning* to all who were convinced of the Truth, *to keep their Minds more inward with the Lord, that they might know the Work of his Power to redeem them out of the Earth, and draw their Affections more Heaven-wards*; and that the younger Sort *might be weaned from the Delights and Vanities of the World.* Then I went to *Sedberg*, and thro' the *Dales* of *Yorkſhire* to the *Eaſtward*, and had good Service for the Truth; and went forward on my Journey by way of *Lincolnſhire* up to *London:* And after my Service in that City was over, I was drawn into *Kent*, where I found many that had been convinced by Truth's Teſtimony when I was in that County in the Year 1686, and ſeveral of them well grown in the

the Truth, and I had good Service among them: And when I was clear of those Parts I travelled into *Sussex* and *Hampshire*, and found a Concern upon me to visit those who had run out into *Separation* with *John Story* at *Reading*; I went to the *separate Meeting*, and sat down in Silence to wait for the Motion of the Word of Life from Heaven; I found them in an *exalted Mind* above the pure Fear of the Lord, which occasioned my Soul to mourn: And altho' one *Charles Harris*, an Opposer of Friends, and Leader into *Separation*, charged Things on me falsly, which he was not able to prove, yet I cleared my self, and came away in Peace of Mind, and went to Friends Meeting; but that being near over, I desired to have another Meeting with them in the Afternoon, to which many of the *Separates* came; the High-minded were judged, and the Humble revived by the powerful Operation of God's Love, and several that had been drawn aside into *Separation* signified their Satisfaction with the Meeting.

From thence I travelled into *Dorsetshire*, and visited Friends and People, warning them *to repent and turn to the*

Lord; exhorting Friends *to be careful, and keep more inward with the Lord, and walk as becomes our holy Profeſſion:* And when I came near the Iſland of *Portland*, (where I had formerly been abuſed) a Concern came upon me to viſit them, ſeveral Friends went with me from *Weymouth*; as we paſſed through the Villages I exhorted the Inhabitants *to repent, and turn unto the Lord whilſt he ſtrove with them*; ſome were ſober, but others envious, and one Man which belonged to the Caſtle raged much, and *bid me depart out of the Iſland*: I reproved him for his Behaviour; he told me *he would fire all the Guns in the Caſtle, and raiſe the Inhabitants to put me out of the Iſland*, but we went on until we came to the Place where I had been abuſed before, and had a Meeting there, to which many of the Inhabitants came: I preached unto them *the Way of Life and Salvation*, by and through the Demonſtration and Power of God. Whilſt I was ſpeaking, the Man which belonged to the Caſtle came with a drawn Sword in his Hand, and made ſeveral Paſſes at me, yet had no Power to hurt me; a Friend ſpoke to him, and told him *he unman'd himſelf in offering to*

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ſtrike at one that would not ſtrike again, then he became ſomewhat ſober, and I had Time to clear my ſelf; ſo went away in Peace of Soul, and travelled through *Somerſetſhire*, and *Briſtol*, to the Yearly Meeting in *Wales*, where I met with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, and *William Greenup*, and Friends from moſt Parts of *Wales*: We had a ſweet refreſhing Meeting, the Lord's Power was manifeſted to our great Comfort; the Affairs of the Church were managed in much Love and Tenderneſs; a godly Zeal appeared in Friends againſt every Thing that would bring a Diſhonour upon the holy Truth, and Scandal upon our Profeſſion; many living Teſtimonies were born both in the *Welſh* and *Engliſh* Tongues; a ſweet Harmony of Love and Life attended us, we were comforted in the Lord and one another: We had good Service at that Meeting in helping Friends in *Diſcipline*, and the Meeting ended in the Love of God.

After I had viſited ſome Meetings in *Wales* I took Shipping at *Holyhead* for *Dublin*, where I landed ſafely, it being near the Time of their National Half-

years Meeting; I ſtayed in *Dublin* till it was over, then travelled into the *North*, and warned Friends *to keep more inward with the Lord, and wait to feel the Operation of his Power to cleanſe their Minds and Hearts.* I travell'd hard, and had good Service, the Minds of People being much humbled by reaſon of the great Calamity which had happened in that Nation, many Habitations being left deſolate by the late Wars. I travell'd into *Leinſter* and *Munſter*, and had good Service; many Hearts were reached by the Power of God, and ſeveral convinced of the bleſſed Truth. Now finding my ſelf clear of the Work the Lord called me unto in this Nation, I returned to *Dublin*, it being about the ſixth Month, 1694, and took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, and in our Voyage we narrowly eſcaped a *French* Privateer; after which I landed ſafe, and travelled home, having had a proſperous Journey in the Will of God.

During my Stay at home, I found Freedom in the Love of God to accompliſh my *Marriage* with the *young Woman* before mentioned: In great Humility and Fear I beſought the Lord that *he would ſanctify*

ſanctify a Married State *to me*, and *keep my Mind out of the* Entanglements *of the World*, that ſo I might not be hurt as to my Service in the Work of the Miniſtry, whereunto I had been called; and in a bowed Frame of Mind we laid our Intentions before Friends, and proceeded and accompliſhed the ſame, according to the good Order eſtabliſhed amongſt us; the Lord owned us with his living Preſence, whereby our Hearts were made to bleſs and praiſe his holy Name, who is worthy for ever.

In a few Weeks after I had a Concern for the City of *London*, which very much bowed my Mind; my Wife underſtanding it, deſired me *to anſwer what I believed to be my Duty*, and ſaid, ſhe *only deſired to enjoy what ſhe enjoyed in God's Favour*, which did greatly add to my Comfort; ſo I took my Journey and went to *Swarthmore*, and proceeded viſiting ſeveral Meetings; and when I was about twenty Miles from *London*, Tidings came of the Queen's *Death*, which put Peoples Minds into ſome Conſternation. When I got to *London*, I had a Concern to go to *Weſtminſter* Meeting, and there

being a large Gathering of People of ſeveral Perſuaſions, I preached the everlaſting Goſpel by and through the Demonſtration and Power of God, warning them *to repent, turn to the Lord, and conſider their latter End*; ſhewing them *that the Grave equals all, as to the Things of this Life*, and the *great Difference between the Righteous and the Wicked in the other World*, referring to the Parable of *Lazarus* and the *Rich Man*; many Hearts were reached by the Power of God, for it was a Day of Viſitation to them, the Meeting ending in a Senſe of God's Love. Then the Lord ſhewed unto me that *I muſt go through the Streets of that great City, and warn the People to repent*, which deeply bowed my Mind, and I laboured under the Weight thereof ſeveral Days, and would gladly have diſcovered it to my Brethren in the Work of the Goſpel; but the Word of the Lord came unto me ſaying, *ſee thou tell it to no Man until thou deliver it as I commanded thee*; which was to begin at *Whitechappel* and go through the main Streets of the City, and proclaim this Meſſuage, *Wo! Wo! Wo! from the Lord to the Crown of Pride in this Place, for the Viols of his Wrath will be*

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poured down upon it, therefore I am made to warn all People to repent, that the Lord may ſhew them Mercy. And in anſwering the Lord's Requirings I witneſſed Peace to flow in my Soul; his Arm was ſtretched forth for my Deliverance, and gave me Strength and Boldneſs to bear my Teſtimony among the People, and not a Hand was lifted up againſt me: The Conſideration of the Lord's Dealings deeply bowed my Spirit, and made me to ſay, *he is worthy to be obeyed in all his Requirings*, for *all his Paths are Paths of Peace*, bleſſed be his holy Name for ever.

Being clear of the City, I returned home, and laboured in the Work of the Goſpel in our County; then viſited Friends in *Northumberland* and the County of *Durham*, and had good Service; ſo returned home.

Having for ſome time had Drawings in my Mind to viſit Friends again in *America*, the Conſideration thereof brought deep Exerciſe upon my Spirit, and often bowed me under a Senſe of God's Love to his Heritage and People the World over; I was made willing to leave all, and fol-

low the Motion of his eternal Spirit: And when I told my Wife of the Concern which was laid upon me, ſhe deſired me *to mind my Freedom in the Lord, and let no worldly Affairs hinder me, but anſwer his Requirings*; ſo I acquainted my Brethren therewith, and they had Unity with me therein, which was a Strength to me.

On the 8th of the ninth Month 1695, I took my Journey towards *London*, in order to take Shipping for *America*, *John Tiffin*, *Peter Fearon*, and ſeveral other Friends accompanied me to *Swarthmore*, and ſtayed their firſt Days Meeting, and were ſweetly comforted together; next Day we attended the Burial of *Daniel Abraham*'s younger Son, many People of Note in the Country being there, I declared the Way of Life and Salvation unto the People, many Hearts were reached thereby; the next Morning *John Tiffin*, *Peter Fearon*, and another young Man, went over the Sands with me; *John Tiffin* being ancient, and taken ill upon the Sands, with much Difficulty got to *Lancaſter*, where we met with *John Gratton*, and had a comfortable Meeting among Friends, after which *John Tiffin* and the young

Man returned homewards; *Peter Fearon* and I went towards *London*, and had Meetings at ſeveral Places, as at *Stockport*, *Nottingham*, and *Leiceſter*, and the Preſence of the Lord bore up our Spirits, and kept us near him and one another in our Travels for the good of God's Heritage.

On the 21ſt of the ninth Month we got to *London*; the Ships not being ready, we ſtaid in the City about three Weeks, labouring in the Ability given us for the gathering People to God, ſettling and building up of thoſe that were already gathered into that one Spirit and moſt holy Faith; then *Peter Fearon* returning homeward, I accompanied him to *Waltham-Abby*, and ſo to *Hertford*, where we had a large and heavenly Meeting; then to *Hitchin*, and from thence into *Bedfordſhire*, and had ſeveral Meetings there; our Labour was *to ſtir up Friends to Faithfulneſs, and to ſtand true to God and their Teſtimony, which they were called to bear for the Name of Jeſus, againſt the Hireling Prieſts, and paying of Tithes:* After ſeveral Meetings in that County we went to *Francis Coalman's* Houſe at *Wooburn*, and had an Evening Meeting there, directing

recting all *to the Light of Chriſt which was manifeſted in their own Hearts*, and ſeveral were reached thereby; the Day following *Peter Fearon*, who accompanied me, in pure Love, ſo far on my intended Journey, returned home, we having travelled together in true Brotherly Love, our Hearts were knit in the Fellowſhip of the Goſpel, which made our Parting very affecting. I returned towards *London*, being alone, but before I had travelled Half a Mile the Lord's Power overſhadowed my Soul, by which my Heart was broken and fill'd with Joy and Gladneſs, which made up all my Wants; I got to *Edward Cheſter*'s at *Dunſtable* that Night, and had a Meeting there; the next Day I went to *Hempſted*, from thence to *Albans*, and ſo to *London*, and ſtaid there ſeveral Weeks, labouring in the Word and Doctrine of Chriſt, and had good Service.

On the 8th of the eleventh Month 1695 I went down to *Graveſend*, many Friends accompaning me, and Two that were going to *America*; the next Day we had a Meeting on board the Ship, and the Day following at *Graveſend*; on the firſt Day of the Week we were at *Rocheſter*

Rocheſter and had two Meetings, many Teſtimonies were born to ſhew forth the Lord's Goodneſs, and to warn People to repent; the next Day the Friends from *London* returned home: On the third Day of the Week, being the 13th of the 11th Month, we went on board, and the Day following ſet ſail, the Power of the Lord overſhadowed my Soul, and my Heart was broken under a Senſe of his Goodneſs, that Tears of Joy flowed from mine Eyes, feeling the Glory of his Preſence to be with me: Having got the Length of the *North Buoy* we met with a Storm, ſo came to an Anchor and rode two Days, then weigh'd and ſail'd to *Margate* Road, came to and ſtaid next Day, and had a Meeting on board; the Lord ſhewed us Favour, fill'd our Hearts with Joy and Gladneſs, and living Praiſes to his moſt worthy Name; then we proceeded on our Voyage, and got into the *Downs*, we ſtaid there ſeveral Weeks for want of a Wind, yet were not without Service, (there being many Friends Ships there) we had ſeveral Meetings on board, ſo that many had an Opportunity, both Prieſts and others, to hear the Goſpel preached unto them: Several Prieſts were going

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over into *Maryland*, hearing that the Government had laid a Tax of Forty Pounds of Tobacco on each Inhabitant for an Advancement of the Prieſts Wages, ſo that many were willing to venture their Lives for the Sake of the Benefit: The Lord was with us, gave us Wiſdom to divide the Word aright both to Prieſts and People, by ſhewing them the Way of Truth, and the Difference between thoſe the Lord ſends, and thoſe who run, and the Lord never ſent, but went for their own Ends, Preach'd for Hire and Divin'd for Money; theſe Prieſts were ſilenced and Truth exalted: Then we went on ſhore, I having a great Deſire to ſee Friends at *Canterbury*, where ſeveral had been convinced by the preaching of the Goſpel when I was there before, and were gladly received, and the next Day had two Meetings: When I was preaching one *Cook* a Prieſt came and ſtaid a conſiderable Time, the next Day he was at the Friend's Houſe were I lodged, and told me *he was ſatisfied with the Doctrine I deliver'd, and confeſſed it was the Truth*; after which he aſked me *if I underſtood* Greek *and* Hebrew? I told him *no*; then he aſked *how I underſtood the Scriptures*; *becauſe I*

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wanted the Original Tongues in which they were written? I anſwered, *by and through a Meaſure or Manifeſtation of the ſame Power and Spirit the holy Men of God were enabled to write them, which was before the many Languages*; then he ſaid, *he had no immediate Impulſe to preach:* I aſked him *what he was made a Miniſter of?* for *thoſe who run and the Lord never ſent, never did nor would profit the People*; but the Apoſtle's Teſtimony was, *that they were made able Miniſters, not of the* Letter, *but of the* Spirit, and that *was the true Fountain of the* Miniſtry; for they *that had not the Spirit of Chriſt were none of his*: To which he confeſſed, and ſaid *he hoped they might have it by* Succeſſion *from the* Apoſtles, but *was not ſure of it*; I told him, *if I had no* immediate Impulſe *of the* Spirit *to preach the Goſpel, I would never have left my Wife and Family to do it*, but *there was* a Neceſſity *laid upon me*, and *Wo was to me if I did it not*; *every* true Miniſter *of Chriſt knows* a Neceſſity *ſo to do*; the Prieſt aſſented to it, and ſo we parted. After which we had ſeveral Meetings up and down in the Country to Satisfaction; ſo we returned to the Ship, and had Meetings in one Ship or other almoſt every Day.

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After we had ſtaid near ſix Weeks, the Wind coming fair, we weigh'd and ſtood away; but the Wind coming again contrary we came to again; then a great Weight came upon me, and I was very much bowed for many Days under a Senſe of the Power of Darkneſs that was at Work, and in a Week after there was a *Plot* diſcovered of an Intention to kill King *William*, and that the *French* intended to invade the Land, which occaſioned a ſtrict Embargo to be laid on all Shipping, ſo that we were ſtopt of our Voyage near five Months; yet I had no Freedom at all to return home, but ſtill waited in Expectation of getting away; the Lord was near to me, and often ſweetned my Exerciſes, and bore up my Spirit in deep Tribulations, and wrought a Willingneſs in me to give up all. I was often concerned to go on ſhore, and travelled in the County of *Kent*, was at many Meetings and Burials there, and had good Service, where I met *Thomas Rudd*, who had it upon him *to go through ſeveral Towns to declare the Truth*: At *Deal* he was concerned to preach through the Streets, and there being a great Concourſe of People, occaſioned by the Fleet of Ships

Ships that lay there, many behaved rudely; I paſſed through the Streets after him, and had Diſpute with ſeveral; one called a Juſtice was very envious, and ſaid *he could find in his Heart to put him in Priſon*; I aſked *for what? had he done, or ſpoken any Ill?* I told him *I was ſorry to ſee any in his Place ſo minded*; *for Men might and did go daily through the Streets* Curſing, *and* Swearing, *and* Drunk, *yet were taken no Notice of to be puniſhed*; ſo he was much aſhamed and went away. We had a Meeting in the Town after that, to which there came a Prieſt that belonged to one of the Men of War, he ſeemed to be much concerned; when the Meeting was over he ſpoke to a Friend, and told him he had a Deſire to ſpeak with me or *Thomas Rudd*, I met with him upon the Sea-ſhore the ſame Night; he being lately recovered from a *Feaver* was very low in Mind, and enquired of me concerning *my Faith* and *Principles*; my Heart was lovingly opened to give him an Account of my *Faith*, and *Truth's Principles*, for I felt the Lord's Love greatly abound to the Man; we ſpent a conſiderable Time that Night in Converſation: When I parted with him he was very low, and confeſſed

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to the Truth, desiring to have another Opportunity with me or some of the *Quakers, for he had heard strange Things concerning us, but he found they were Lyes, and we were wronged.*

After I had staid several Months with the Shipping, and there-away, I had some Drawings in my Mind to visit the City of *London*; I went thither along with *Jacob Fallowfield*, and exhorted Friends *to mind their Growth in the Life of Truth, for none would be safe but those that knew a growing therein:* We had a very heavenly Time, and found the secret Power of the Lord at work in the Hearts of several young People; many Mouths were opened to declare the Truth, for which I was glad, and to see the Lord's Work to prosper. When we were clear we took Leave of Friends and returned back to the Ship; as we were on the Road we met several who told us the Fleet was sail'd, but we found it our Place to go forward, tho' many turned back upon the Road that were going down to the Fleet; we travelled hard, and got there just as they were weighing Anchor, hired a Boat and had much to do to get to the Ship, the being

being then under ſail; as ſoon as the Maſter ſaw a Boat following he laid the Ship by, and we got well on board, and had a fair Wind to *Portſmouth*, where we ſtaid above a Month, went aſhore and had many Meetings there, in the Iſle of *Wight*, and at *Porcheſter*; we had good Service, ſo that ſeveral were convinced of the Truth, and the Mouths of Gainſayers ſtopped; we alſo had Meetings on board the Ships to Satisfaction: Then I had a Sight *that the Time of our Departure was near*, and that we ſhould get on our long deſired Voyage: Next Morning the Man of War put out his Signal for ſailing, the Ships weigh'd Anchor and got to *Cowes* in the Iſle of *Wight*; we went on ſhore to *Newport*, and had a glorious Meeting there: After the Meeting was over a Concern fell upon me to write a few Lines to the Yearly Meeting, (it beginning the next Day after we were to ſail) which was as followeth,

Dear Friends, Brethren, Fathers, and Elders,

" WHOM I love in the Lord Jeſus
" Chriſt, in whom is all your
" Strength, Power, and Wiſdom; I in-

" treat you all, keep to his eternal Power
" and Wiſdom in the Exerciſe of all your
" Gifts in this Yearly Meeting, that
" Chriſt your heavenly Head may rule
" and ſpeak through all, and carry on
" that glorious Work which he hath be-
" gun, that in the beholding the Proſ-
" perity of it your Joy may be full in
" the Lord, and you be a true Strength
" and Comfort one to another, and the
" Churches of Chriſt the World over;
" that as the Lord by his eternal Power
" did ſet up thoſe Meetings, and hath ho-
" noured them with his Preſence, the
" ſame Power, Life, and Wiſdom, may
" fill your Hearts together in this your
" ſolemn Aſſembly; which the Lord will
" do if all keep their Places in Chriſt
" their heavenly Head, where every one
" will feel Life to ſpring, and Love to
" abound, and your Unity to be increaſed
" one with another; ſo may you return
" to your reſpective Places as with Sheaves
" in your Boſoms, and God over all will
" be exalted, and the Peace of his Church
" preſerved, which is the ſincere Breath-
" ing of my Soul to the Lord for you all,
" deſiring your Prayers to the Lord for

" me,

" me, as mine are for you, and in true
" Love remain your Friend and Brother,
" according to Meaſure,

Written on board near *Cowes* in the Iſle of *Wight* the 29th of the third Month 1696.

JAMES DICKINSON.

Let this be read in the Yearly Meeting.

On the 30th of the third Month we ſet ſail on our Voyage to *Virginia* with above an hundred Sail in Company, the Maſters of near twenty of them profeſſed the Truth; the Lord was merciful to us, bore up our Spirits, and ſweetned all our Exerciſes; we had ſeveral Meetings on board, and when the Weather was fair and calm we went on board other Veſſels, had Meetings, and warned the People *to repent*, directing them to *the Light of Chriſt, which made manifeſt their Sins, and reproved them for them*, ſeveral were reached by the Truth. About 170 Leagues from *Virginia* we left the Fleet, and in a Week after got ſafe into *York River*, it being on the 23d of the fifth Month 1696, but many of the Fleet got not in for above three Weeks after, they having met with

a violent Storm and loſt ſeveral of their Maſts: We went aſhore at *Edward Thomas*'s at *Queens Creek*. My Spirit was deeply bowed under the Conſideration of the Lord's Mercies and his Condeſcenſion to us, for he ſhewed me, before we loſt ſight of the *Engliſh* Land, that *I ſhould be in my Service that Day eight Weeks in* America, and it was ſo; for we got into *Virginia*, and had good Service for the Truth, the Lord's Power aſſiſted us, and opened our Hearts and Mouths to proclaim the Word of Life to the People: Then we travelled into *New Kent*, where I had formerly viſited the People along with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*; ſeveral at that Time were convinced of the bleſſed Truth, and received it in the Love of it: And altho' I met with Oppoſition from the Sheriff and ſome Juſtices, yet the Lord's Power wrought effectually, and was over them. After we were gone they raiſed a *lying Report*, and told the People *we were* Jeſuits, *and were both hanged in* Maryland; ſeveral believed it was ſo, but thoſe whoſe Hearts were reached by the Power of Truth did not believe it: We wrote an Epiſtle to thoſe Parts from *Antigua* in the *Weſt-Indies*; when

when it came to hand it had a good Effect for the Confirmation of thoſe who were convinced, and ſhewed to them who believed the Report, that it was *falſe*. Friends in *New Kent* were glad to ſee us; and Notice being given of our going there, we had a large Meeting, (the Man that had raiſed the Report came in, and when he ſaw me, he knew me, and was aſhamed,) the Lord was with us to our great Comfort; and after we had proclaimed the Word of Life among them we travelled to *Corles*; after the Meeting there, we travelled twenty Miles to *Apomata*, and croſſed *James River*; we ſwam our Horſes in the Night over *Apomata River*, and went over our ſelves in Canoos; the ſecret Hand of the Lord protected us both inwardly and outwardly, the Sweetneſs of his Love kept us near himſelf and one another: We went to *Merchanthope* and had a Meeting there, to which a great Number of People came, the Word of Life was plentifully declared, and the Power of God manifeſted among them; a Man and Woman of *Note* were reached, and confeſſed to the Truth: Near the Concluſion of the Meeting the Prieſt's Wife, with ſeveral of his Hearers,

came and told me *the Prieſt heard I would gladly ſpeak with him, and that he was but a little Way off, and had a Deſire to ſee me:* I replied *I knew no Prieſt there, neither had any Buſineſs with any, and if he heard ſuch a Report, it was falſe*; but *if he wanted any thing with me, I was willing to give him an Opportunity at his Requeſt*: So they ſent to the Prieſt, and deſired him to ſend for me, which he did: I went, and ſeveral Friends along with me; the Prieſt and moſt of his Hearers being gathered, he began to reflect againſt us and our Principles, and ſaid *we denied Baptiſm, the Lord's Supper, and the Reſurrection of the Dead*: I told him, *his Charges were falſe*; ſo put him to prove his Aſſertions, but *he could not*: Then he ſaid among the People, *he did not underſtand our Principles, but was willing to know our Belief concerning thoſe Things*; I told him, *he would have manifeſted more Wiſdom, if he had known our Principles better, before he charged us with ſo many Errors, and could prove none*: Then I declared our Faith, ſhewing them *we believed the Reſurrection of the Juſt, and Unjuſt; the Juſt to everlaſting Life, and the Unjuſt to Condemnation*; and that we were

were of the Apoſtles Faith, concerning *Baptiſm*, believing *there is one Lord, one Faith, and one true and ſaving Baptiſm*, which is Chriſt's, to wit, that of *the holy Ghoſt and Fire*. Then I put him to prove by Scripture his Practice of *ſprinkling* Infants, but he could not: He then ran out into many Words, charging us with more Errors: I told him *he ought to prove thoſe he had charged firſt, before he advanced others, for if he did not, I thought no wiſe Man would believe him*; but he continued railing againſt us, and ſaid *that Viſions and Revelations were now ceaſed, and no ſuch Thing to be known in theſe Days*: Then I deſired Time *to reply*, and ſhewed by Scripture that Viſions and Revelations *were not ceaſed*, and the diſmal State of thoſe that *knew them not*; for without them *there was no true Knowledge of God*, according to Chriſt's own Words, *no Man knows the Father, but the Son, nor no Man knows the Son, but the Father, and he to whom the Son will reveal him*; ſo they that deny *Revelation* are *without the Knowledge of God*; for *where there is no Revelation, the People periſh*; and *Elihu* ſaid, *there is a Spirit in Man, but its the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them*

Underſtanding. I deſired the People to conſider what State they were in who *knew no Revelation*, and denied that any ſuch Thing could be known, as their Teacher had done: So directed all to the Light of Chriſt which would give them the Knowledge of God, *whom to know is Life eternal*, according to Chriſt's own Doctrine; and *he that hath not the Spirit of Chriſt is none of his.* I told the Prieſt, *if he would contradict Chriſt, the Prophets, and Apoſtles, and number himſelf among thoſe who* had no Viſion, *he manifeſted himſelf to be no better than* Eli's *Sons, who* had no open Viſion, *and thoſe the Lord ſpoke unto by the Mouths of his true Prophets, and told them, that* Night ſhould be unto them for a Viſion, and Darkneſs for a Divination, and that the Sun ſhould go down over the Prophets, and the Day ſhould be dark over them. So I went away, and afterwards ſent ſeveral Books to be diſperſed among the People, in order to ſhew them our Chriſtian Principles concerning thoſe Things the Prieſt had *falſly charged upon us.* Then I with my Companion travelled down to *Chuccatuck*, and viſited ſeveral Places there; many People flocked to our Meetings, and we were livingly opened in

Doctrine

Doctrine by the Power of the Word of Life, which did plentifully flow to the confirming of God's Heritage, many Hearts were reached thereby; we laboured to ſtir up Friends *to Faithfulneſs in their Teſtimonies againſt thoſe Things which were Evil, and to keep to the Croſs of Chriſt, that ſo they might be crucified to the World, and the World to them*; declaring in all Plainneſs, *that a Profeſſion of the Truth would ſtand them in no ſtead, except they lived in the Life thereof, and waited to feel the Power of Chriſt working in them to the changing of their Hearts; and knew him to be a Mediator and Interceder for them to the* Father; *and their Faith ſtrengthned and confirmed daily; and thereby came to live to God, and knew the Evidence of his Spirit to bear Witneſs with their Spirits* that they were his Children, *and as ſuch, kept in Subjection* to him; *ſo would his Love fill their Hearts, and bring them under a living Concern for* his Truth, *and make them zealous for it in their Generation, and good Patterns to their Offspring, and thoſe that might be ſeeking the Lord, who were yet Strangers to him.*

After

After we had cleared ourſelves in thoſe Parts, we got a Shallop and went over *Cheſeapeak-Bay* to *Ackamack*, not without ſome Difficulty; the Lords Love was great to us, and his Power manifeſted for our Deliverance, bleſſed be his holy Name for ever. We viſited Friends on the *Eaſtern-Shore*, and had good Service: There came a great many *Indians* to a Friend's Houſe where I was, one of them could ſpeak very good *Engliſh*; I had ſome Diſcourſe with him about *God*, *Chriſt*, and *Religon*; I aſked him *if he believed there was a* God? He told me *yes*, and that *all the* Indians *believed ſo too*; *but he was a* Proteſtant, and lived amongſt the *Engliſh*: I aſked him *if he knew* God? he anſwered *no*: Then I told him *I would inform him how he might know the* great God *that made all Things*: He ſaid, *he would willingly learn that*. I aſked *if he did not find ſomething, when he told* a Lie, ſwore, *or* wronged *any, that let him ſee he* ſhould not do ſo? Then he laid his Hand upon his Breaſt, with very much Seriouſneſs, and ſaid *yes, he knew it very well*; I told him *the* great God, *that made the* Indians, *and all Things, was a Spirit and great Light, and appeared in the* Indians

dians *Hearts in order to teach them to be good and forſake Evil, and if he did but mind* that, *it would give him the Knowledge of* God, *for it was the* Appearance *of the* great God *which ſhewed him his Thoughts:* He replied, *he did not* know that *before, but would mind it for the Time to come.* Then he aſked me *what made the* Engliſh-man *ſwear that* knew God *was ſo near?* I told him *it was the Devil which made both the* Engliſh-man *and* Indian *bad:* He ſaid *he never* ſwore *before he learnt to ſpeak* Engliſh, *for they had* no Swearing *in their Language; but ſo ſoon as they could ſpeak* Engliſh *they learned* to ſwear; *but if he had more of my Company, I would teach him better, and wiſhed he was a* Quaker, *then he would* not ſwear. Afterwards I viſited their King, who was a very ſolid Man; he would not be ſatisfied until I ſat down at his right Hand; I had ſome Diſcourſe with him about *Religion*, he was very willing to hear me, and ſhewed what Reſpects he could, and offered me ſuch Entertainment his Houſe afforded, which was a Cup of Water: When I was about to go away, he ſignified his Satisfaction, being well pleaſed with my Viſit.

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Then I viſited ſeveral Meetings in *Cheſter-County*, where many who had run out with *George Keith* into *Separation* came; I was enabled to open the Principles of Truth, and vindicate our ancient Teſtimony concerning *our Faith* in *Jeſus Chriſt*, declaring to them *that we believed in him as being* the only begotten Son *of* God, *who in the Fullneſs of Time, took Fleſh, became* perfect Man, *according to the Fleſh, deſcended and came of the Seed of* Abraham, *and* David, *but was miraculouſly conceived by the* Holy Ghoſt, *and born of the Virgin* Mary, *yet powerfully owned to be* the Son *of* God, *according to the Spirit of Sanctification, by the* Reſurrection *from the* Dead; *and that* as Man, Chriſt *died for our Sins, roſe again, and was received up into Glory in the* Heavens, *having fulfilled the* Law *and the* Prophets, *put an End to the* firſt Prieſt-hood, *and is* a Prieſt *for ever*; *not after the Order of* Aaron, *but of* Melchiſedeck, *and ever lives to make Interceſſion to his* Father, *not for* our Sins *only, but for* the Sins *of the* whole World: So declared our Faith to be firm in Chriſt our heavenly Head, and that many had ſuffered deeply becauſe they durſt not break his Commands; the Lord's

Lord's Power and Preſence was witneſſed in our Aſſemblies, and our Hearts bowed and filled with Praiſes to his worthy Name. Several of them who had run out with *George Keith*, were reached by the Lord's Power, and prevailed upon by his Love, confeſſed to the Truth, and ſaid *it was ſound Doctrine:* Thoſe who were lifted up in their Imaginations came to me, and told me *they were glad I was ſo ſound in Faith; for what I had declared a great many had denied:* I bid them *name one*; but they could not: So being ſilent, I told them *I had had the Opportunity of ſeeing moſt of the People called* Quakers *in the World, and never yet met with one, that was owned by them, that* denied *it*; and I knew *it was the* Faith *of the* Quakers *the World over:* And that *George Keith, and thoſe who were gone into* Separation *with him, had given way to a* lying Spirit, *and falſely declared to the World* we denied the Man Chriſt Jeſus; *& except they did repent, they would* wither, die, *and* come to nothing, *for the Charge againſt us was falſe*: Some of them replied *I would never ſee* that Day: I told them *I had ſeen it in the Light of the Lord at their firſt running out, and was made to warn them of it:* So we parted.

I went to *Haverford* where the *Welſh* People dwelt, and found a tender hearted People; ſeveral Friends from *Philadelphia* met me there, and the Lord's Power comforted our Hearts, and filled them with Joy and Gladneſs: Afterwards we went to the City, where I ſtay'd ſome Time, and found Friends alive to God, and in ſweet Unity one with another; but ſeveral of thoſe who had run out into *Separation* were reſtleſs, and toſſed to and fro, unſtable as Water, being gone from Chriſt, the true Fountain of Light and Life, into Imaginations, ſo were ſtumbling, and falling, and getting themſelves *dipp'd in Water*; I could not but mourn for them, being ſenſible of their great Loſs, ſeeing them to be in an *exalted Mind*, vainly lifted up above the Simplicity of the Truth, in the Conceit of their high Attainments: Several Friends viſited them in Love, but they reviled them, and rejected the Lord's Mercies: I found the Lord's Power and Preſence to be greatly manifeſted amongſt Friends in that Place.

From thence I went to *German-town*, and had a Meeting, to which many of the

the *Separates* came, ſeveral of whom had been *dipp'd in Water*. After the Meeting they reflected againſt Friends, but the Lord's Power came over them, which chained them down. Then I travelled into the County of *Bucks*, and declared the Way of Life and Salvation unto the People; ſo proceeded to the Yearly Meeting at *Burlington*; many Friends from *Eaſt* and *Weſt Jerſey*, and *Penſilvania*, were there: We had a large Meeting, the Lord's Power wonderfully broke in upon us, ſo that many living Teſtimonies were born from the motion of the Spirit of Truth, and Hearts filled with Praiſes to the dreadful Name of the Lord: The Meeting laſted four Days, and Friends kept in the peaceable Spirit of Chriſt; the Affairs of the Church were ſweetly carried on and managed in God's Fear and Wiſdom, in which we were a true Strength one to another; and altho' ſeveral of the *Separates* came, made a Jumble and Diſturbance when we were performing our religious Worſhip to Almighty God, yet Friends kept their Places, and went on in their Teſtimonies, and the Lord's Power came over all. Some of the *Separates* were ſo wicked,

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that they uttered many blaſphemous Words, and while I was declaring the Way of Life and Salvation, directing all to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, they lift up their Voices *till their Faces turned black*, and told me, *the* Light *I ſpoke of was nothing but an* Idol, *and a* frozen Light, with many more ſuch like abſurd Expreſſions; but I told them *it was no other but* Chriſt Jeſus *the* true Light, *which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World*, as *John* declared, *John* i. 9. *and it was the Teſtimony God had given us to bear, and the Buſineſs we were ſent about, to labour to turn Peoples Minds from* Darkneſs *to this* true Light, *and from* Satan's Power *to the* Power *of* God, *that People might come to receive Remiſſion of Sins by* Faith in Chriſt Jeſus, *to which* Light *all the Nations of them that are ſaved muſt turn and walk in it; it was the Apoſtle's* Treaſure, *and ſo it is every true Believer's now:* When they had wearied themſelves they went away; after which we had a heavenly Concluſion, and parted in Peace.

Then finding Drawings in my Mind to go to the Yearly Meeting in *Maryland*, I went in Company with ſeveral Friends, we

we travelled hard, and reached the Meeting the Day it began, viſiting Meetings as we went: There being a great Fleet of Ships lying not far diſtant, abundance of People came to the Meeting, both Merchants, Captains of Veſſels, and many others of divers Ranks and Perſwaſions; the Merchants and Captains were very ſober, but ſeveral others behaved very rudely, talking and ſmoaking Tobacco; the Power of Truth, and the Teſtimony thereof, reached them, ſo that thoſe rude People were much aſhamed of their Behaviour, and crouded into the Meeting-houſe till it was filled; and the Lord cauſed his everlaſting Goſpel to be proclaimed in the Demonſtration of his Power and Wiſdom, which did plentifully flow amongſt us, and we witneſſed that Scripture to be fulfilled, *He makes his Angels Spirits, and his Miniſters as a Flame of Fire*; the Hearts of the Faithful were made truly glad, and Dread and Terror took hold of the Rebellious; it proved a Day of Viſitation to many, for the Lord made his Inſtruments as *Clouds full of Rain*, and cauſed them to empty themſelves amongſt his Heritage; the Affairs of the Church were managed in God's

Fear and Wiſdom, nothing appear'd but Love and Unity among Friends; the Meeting held four Days, and ended with Praiſes and Thankſgiving unto the God and Father of all our Mercies, who with his dear Son is worthy thereof.

After the Meeting we returned to *Cheſter*, and the Head of *Cheſeapeak-bay*, and viſited Friends and others, and found great Openneſs in the Hearts of many to receive Truth's Teſtimony, and ſeveral were tendered and reached thereby: Then we travelled into *Penſilvania*, and had ſeveral Meetings in the lower Counties, travelling very hard, for I was preſſed in Spirit to go to the Yearly Meeting at *Shrewſbury*, having ſeveral Meetings to viſit as I went. When I was at *Philadelphia* a great Exerciſe fell upon me for the *Weſt-India Iſlands*, viz. *Barbadoes*, *Antigua*, *Nevis*, and *Jamaica*, under which I travelled in free Reſignation of Mind to anſwer the Will of God; for I had a Senſe of an *evil Spirit* which was at work in thoſe *Weſtern-Iſles*, in order to hurt God's Heritage, by drawing them from the Power of Chriſt: As I kept the Word of Patience, and my Mind

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ſingle to the Lord, waiting to know his Mind therein, it came upon me *to write*, and early in the Morning I wrote an *Epiſtle*, and cauſed ſeveral Copies to be taken and ſent to the ſaid *Iſlands*; then I got Eaſe of Mind: The *Epiſtle* is as followeth,

" *Dear Friends*,

" I Am moved of the Lord, in the " Motion of Life, to ſend you theſe " following Lines, being deeply bound " under the Senſe of the Love of God " in viſiting us, and making his Way " and Truth known to us, and in ga- " thering us to be a People that were no " People, and bringing of us to worſhip " him, who is a Spirit, in Spirit and in " Truth, where we have known the " Streams of Love and Life to run, in " which our Souls have found true Plea- " ſure; as our Minds came to be ſtayed " upon the Lord, our Peace flowed, and " our Love increaſed to him and to one " another, which brought us to be of one " Mind, and often filled our Hearts with " Praiſes to his moſt worthy Name.

" Now, *Friends*, finding my Spirit " engaged in the Motion of Life to cau- " tion, warn, and charge you all to keep " to God's Power that firſt gathered you, " that by it you may be preſerved low in " his Fear, with your Minds purely ſtay- " ed in the Light of the Lord Jeſus " Chriſt, unto which you have been " turned, aud have come to the Know- " ledge of God and Jeſus Chriſt his Son, " whom to know is *Life eternal.* Now, " as you have received the Lord Jeſus " Chriſt, be careful to walk in him in " whom you have Life, Peace, and Sal- " vation, and from whom you are to re- " ceive daily Nouriſhment to your Souls, " and witneſs the Croſs of Chriſt, which " is *the Power of God*, to crucify you to " the World, and the World unto you, " ſo that thereby you may eſcape the Cor- " ruptions that are in the World through " Luſt, and ſo be made Partakers of his " divine Nature, and by the Virtue " thereof you will be made to bear Wit- " neſs againſt the World, and all its " Ways, Cuſtoms, Faſhions, Notions, " and falſe Ways of Worſhip that are " therein, and ſtand up for your holy " Way Chriſt Jeſus, the true Light, *that*

" *enlightneth*

" *enlightneth every Man that cometh into*
" *the World*, and as in him you all walk,
" and know the Virtue of his Power
" every Day to ſtrengthen you, in
" the Dominion of his Life, Power,
" and Wiſdom, you will ſtand in your
" Teſtimonies againſt all that riſe up
" againſt him, and be of thoſe *that are*
" *following the Lamb through many Tri-*
" *bulations*, and live to God over all, to
" his Glory and your Comfort.

" Now, as it was God's Power that
" gathered you, ſo it is the Devil's Work
" to ſcatter you and drive you from the
" true Foundation Chriſt Jeſus, the true
" Light: I ſay, all walk in him, and
" wait in his Light, where you will have
" the great Myſtery of Godlineſs more
" and more revealed unto you, and ſo
" ſee over and through the Myſtery of
" Iniquity, and the Devices of Satan, his
" ſly Inſinuations, Lyes, and Prevarica-
" tions, which he is poſſeſſing many
" with, and making them Inſtruments
" in his Hand to trouble the Churches of
" Chriſt, and to make Rents and Schiſms
" therein, *dividing in* Jacob, *and ſcatter-*
" *ing in* Iſrael; therefore watch againſt

" the Enemy's working in the Myſtery;
" though with never ſo large Pretences
" and fair Shews, his Work is ſtill to draw
" away the Mind from the pure Conduct
" of the Spirit of Truth into high Con-
" ceits and Imaginations, and ſo into *Se-*
" *paration* from God and his People: I
" warn you all to watch and keep low,
" that the Enemy may not gain ground
" upon you, nor draw your Minds from the
" Simplicity of the Truth, but that you
" may feel the Lord daily to break your
" Hearts, and tender your Spirits, and
" give you a clear Diſcerning between
" that which ſerveth God, and that which
" ſerveth him not, both in your ſelves
" and others; ſo will you have a Senſe
" and Feeling beyond Words, and never
" be deceived by the fair Words, nor
" *phariſaical* Carriage of any whoſe Spirits
" are wrong and are gone into Contention
" and Strife, making Rents and Diviſions
" in the Church; ſuch labour to gather
" to themſelves and not to Chriſt: Ex-
" perience hath ſhewed the Work of
" that Spirit in former Ages, as alſo in
" this Age, and what hath been the End
" of thoſe that have been led by it;
" therefore all keep to the Lord's Power,

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" and thereby you will be preſerved out
" of the Snares of the Enemy, and firm
" in your Teſtimony againſt that Spirit
" of Strife and Contention ; touch not
" with it, but live over it, for all that
" join with it will wither and die, and
" come to nought. 'Tis the Word of the
" Lord God as a *Warning* to you all to
" watch againſt, and feed it with Judg-
" ment where-ever it appears ; though it
" may appear as *Saul* did *to bleſs the true*
" *Prophet of the Lord*, yet its that which
" is gone into Rebelion againſt God, and
" doth not obey him, and though thoſe
" who are gone into this Spirit may ſtrive
" to be honoured before the People, as
" *Saul* did, and may be rending and
" tearing for to obtain it, yet the Lord
" will rend the Kingdom out of the
" Hands of thoſe that join with it, tho'
" they may have known ſomething
" of the *anointing Oil*, and have been
" anointed therewith ; yet its thoſe that
" keep in Obedience to Chriſt that ſhall
" be made Partakers of the Benefits of
" his Obedience to his Father, for its ſaid
" of him, *He became the Author of eternal*
" *Salvation to all them that obey him* ; ſo
" mind your Obedience unto him, and

" then you will all know of his Doctrine,
" which drops as the Dew upon his ten-
" der Heritage, bleſſed be his Name for
" ever.

" Now, *ſeeing its a Righteous Thing*
" *with God*, ſaith the Apoſtle, 2 Theſ. i.
" 6, 7, 8. *to recompenſe Tribulation to*
" *them that trouble you: and to you who*
" *are troubled, reſt with us, when the*
" *Lord Jeſus Chriſt ſhall be revealed in*
" *flaming Fire, taking Vengeance on them*
" *that know not God, and that obey not the*
" *Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus*; therefore mind
" your Reſt in Chriſt, and keep in it, and
" obey his Goſpel, and keep to his Doc-
" trine, which was, *have Salt in your*
" *ſelves, and Peace one with another*;
" and alſo the Apoſtle ſaith, *if any*
" *Man ſeem to be contentious, we have no*
" *ſuch Cuſtom, neither the Churches of*
" *Chriſt*: So all keep to the eternal Power
" of God, and you will be kept out of
" evil by it. In the pure Love of Chriſt
" my Soul ſalutes you all, deſiring Grace,
" Mercy, and Peace, may be multiplied
" amongſt you, and all the Churches of
" Chriſt the whole World over; letting
" you know that my dear Companion

" *Thomas*

" *Thomas Wilſon* was well the laſt Time I " heard from him; we have had little Reſt " ſince we were with you, but have been " labouring in the Work of the Goſpel: " His dear Love was to you all, and ſo " doth mine remain, and I ſend this, as " a Token thereof, in Obedience to the " Lord, in whom I remain your Friend " and Brother in Tribulations and Pa- " tience,

Philadelphia the 17th of the eighth Month 1696. JAMES DICKINSON.

Let Copies of this be ſent to Antigua, Nevis, *and* Jamaica, *to be read in their Meetings.*

Then I travelled into *Weſt-Jerſey* and had ſeveral Meetings; ſo took my Journey, in Company with ſeveral Friends, through the Woods to *Eaſt-Jerſey*, to the Yearly Meeting at *Shrewſbury*, which began the 24th of the eighth Month, and held four Days; we laboured *to ſtir up Friends to Faithfulneſs*, directing all *to Chriſt the true Foundation, that thereby they might know his Power to ſubject their Spirits, and lead them into all Truth, both in Doctrine and Diſcipline*; the Lord eminently appeared

peared amongſt us to our Comfort, and we were ſweetly refreſhed together in the Enjoyment of his Love.

After the Meeting ſeveral Friends went along with me towards *New-York*, and we croſſed *Amboy-Ferry* in two Canoos which the Watermen laſhed together to carry us and our Horſes over, we ſtayed at *Amboy* that Night; next Day went to *Elizabeth-Town* and took Boat for *New-York*, and were all Night upon the Water expoſed to Wind and Storms it rained all Night, and we had no Shelter, for the Boat was filled with Wood, and we ſat upon it; about Break of Day we got to *New-York*, where we ſtayed a little, then paſſed over in a Canoo to *Long-Iſland*, and travelled up and down in that Iſland, labouring in the Work of the Goſpel, and had good Service for the Truth; ſeveral were convinced, particularly a *Captain* in the Army, and a *Juſtice* of the Peace, who were afterwards called before the Governor of *New-York*, and becauſe they could neither ſwear nor fight any longer, they laid down their Commiſſions, having received the Truth in the Love of it; which was cauſe of Gladneſs to us, for we had no greater

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Joy than to behold the Lord's Work to proſper in the Hearts of the Children of Men.

Being clear of *Long-Iſland*, we returned to *New-York*, where we had a large Meeting, in which we opened the Principles of Truth by and through the Demonſtration and Power of God, and wiped off the Reproaches which *George Keith*, and thoſe who run out with him, had caſt upon us; many Hearts were deeply affected and tendered; near the Concluſion of the Meeting, *William Bradford*, who had printed ſeveral Books which *George Keith* and others wrote againſt Friends, began to make Diſturbance, and flatteringly ſaid *he was glad to hear the Doctrine which was delivered that Day*; notwithſtanding *he would vindicate what they had writ and printed:* I ſaw if we entered into Debate, it would draw Peoples Minds out, which were meaſurably turned to the Lord's Power and reached thereby; then it was upon me to ſupplicate the Lord in Prayer: After I had done, a Friend ſtood up, and declared among the People *that* George Keith, *and thoſe who had written and accuſed us with*

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denying the Manhood *of* Chriſt, *had wronged themſelves and us too*; *for he knew not one that was a* Quaker, *that ever denied the* Manhood *of* Chriſt; and farther ſaid, *we believe there is* one Mediator *between* God *and* Man, *even the* Man Chriſt Jeſus, *and by* no other Name *but that of* Jeſus *we expect Salvation*; *and by his* Spirit *we muſt be* adopted *and* made Heirs *of that* Peace *and* Reſt *he hath* purchaſed *for us with the* Price *of his* precious Blood, *by which we ſhall be* changed *if we walk in the* Light, *as he is in the* Light, *wherein our* true Fellowſhip *doth conſiſt*. People ſeem'd generally diſſatisfied with *Bradford*'s Appearance in ſo diſturbing a Manner, for the Lord's Power was over every unclean Spirit, and the Teſtimony of Truth exalted over all; ſo the Meeting ended.

Having appointed a Meeting at *Cheſter* next Day, we went by Water ſeveral Miles in Canoos, and through much Difficulty got to the Meeting, which was to Satisfaction; then we returned to *Long-Iſland*, and in our Paſſage over, the Wind roſe, and Water came into the Canoos, and we ſat deep in it, for none durſt move

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to caſt it forth for fear of over-ſetting, altho' it was Froſt and very cold Weather; yet after much Difficulty and Fatigue we got ſafe to Land. Being clear of thoſe Parts we returned to *New-York*, took Boat and paſſed over to *Eaſt-Jerſey*, then travelled through the Woods to *Weſt-Jerſey*, ſo to *Burlington*, and *Philadelphia*, and had Service for the Truth: It being Froſt and a great Snow, it was very tedious travelling, yet the Lord made way for us both inwardly and outwardly, and made hard Things eaſy to us; we viſited the Sick and Aged in our Travels, and ſympathized with them in their Afflictions, and they were comforted in their Exerciſes; we travelled through the Woods to *Salem*, many Friends accompanying us, and had ſeveral Meetings thereabouts: At *Cohanſey* abundance of Profeſſors came to the Meeting, the Goſpel was preached to them, and many were deeply affected; we were concerned *to vindicate and lay open our Principles, for the clearing of the Reproaches caſt upon them by thoſe who were gone out from us:* The Lord's Power came over all, and we returned in great Peace, witneſſing that Saying to be fulfilled, *Great Peace have they which love thy*

thy Law. Pſal. cxix. 165. We had ſeveral Meetings at *Philadelphia*, and that *ranting Spirit* which laboured to lay waſte, and hinder the Growth and Proſperity of the Truth, was chained down by the Power of God, and our Aſſemblies were filled with his Love, and our Hearts drawn near him; and after the Meetings they began to cavil, and would have made me an Offender for a Word, which, they ſaid, I had ſpoken; but I ſaw their Life was in Jangling, and remembred our bleſſed Lord and Maſter's Example, who, *when he was accuſed anſwered not a Word*; having Regard to the Honour of God, not to make our ſolemn Aſſemblies a Place of Contention, for I had ſeen their Behaviour at a Meeting before, ſeveral of them ſpeaking at once; ſo I took little Notice of them, knowing that God is not the Author of Confuſion, but of Peace and Love; in the Senſe of whoſe Love we travell'd and labour'd to turn Peoples Minds to Chriſt the true Rock and Foundation, and to keep our Conſciences pure from the Blood of all Men: The Lord was with us, and fitted us for our Service every Day, and the Angel of his Preſence attended his People, and drew them near

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to himſelf and one another, in which Nearneſs our Hearts were bound up with them; for though the Power of Darkneſs had been greatly at work to ſcatter and lay waſte God's Heritage in thoſe Parts, and had prevailed upon ſome who had not been careful to watch in the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, but were drawn from the Simplicity of the Goſpel into *Strife* and *Contention*, and ſo to *accuſe their Brethren*, yet we found the Lord's Power to be much at work in ſettling and eſtabliſhing thoſe who kept their Minds cloſe to him, ſo that many came to witneſs that Saying fulfilled, *Thou wilt keep him in perfect Peace, whoſe Mind is ſtayed on thee, becauſe he truſteth in thee:* Iſa. xxvi. 3. For we found them (to our great Comfort) in a growing Condition, and in Unity one with another.

Being clear of thoſe Parts we took our Journey towards *Maryland*, having ſeveral Meetings in our Way; at *Derby* we met with *Henry Payton* and his *Siſter*, who were come out of *England* on Truth's Service; they went back with us to ſeveral Meetings, and the Glory of the Lord overſhadowed us to our Comfort. At *Concord*, being the laſt Meeting we had

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in the Province of *Penſilvania*, the Lord crown'd our Aſſembly, & fill'd our Hearts with his Love, that Tears of Joy flow'd from moſt of us, and we were enabled to offer up Praiſes unto the God and Father of all our Mercies.

After the Meeting we parted with them in much Bowed-downneſs of Spirit, under a Senſe of the Lord's Goodneſs, and went on our Journey towards *Maryland*, and travelled very hard for three Days before we got among Friends, where our Service lay; the Ground was cover'd ſo thick with Snow, that few had ever ſeen the like in thoſe Parts, which made our Travels more difficult; then we proceeded to *Choptanck*, and viſited Friends on the *Eaſtern-ſhore*; then croſſed *Cheſeapeak-bay* to the *Weſtern-ſhore*, where we had ſeveral comfortable Meetings.

When we were clear of thoſe Parts, it was upon us to go to *Virginia* and *Carolina*; a Maſter of a Ship that lay in *Potuxon River* took his Boat and put us over the River, and travell'd along with us to *Potomack*, and went over that River, which was nine Miles; it being Night, and

and we all Strangers to the Place, ſeeing a Boat at a diſtance, we came up with her, and got her to pilot us to a Plantation on the Shore, it being a Captain's Houſe; they lived very poorly, having nothing to eat or drink but *Pone* and *Water*, but were willing to entertain us with ſuch as they had. Next Morning we got Horſes, and hired a Guide to *Rapahanock-River*, where many Ships lay, being in hopes to get over in ſome of their Boats; but there came on ſuch a ſtrong *North-Weſter* that the People were afraid it would have blown down their Houſes, inſomuch that we were forced to run out into the Storm, which was very violent: After it was a little abated, it froze ſo hard that we could not get over the River for a whole Week.

During our Stay we had Diſputes with ſeveral, and opened the Principles of Truth to them: One Major *Taylor* confeſſed to the Truth, and ſaid *if the* Quakers *Principles were ſuch as we declared, he was a* Quaker *in Judgment*; but deſired to have more Time with me, to be informed *why we left the Church of* England? I told him, *the Church of* England *had the Form of Godlineſs, but denied the*

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Power; and from ſuch the Apoſtle adviſed to turn away; *and they maintained* Tithes, *which belonged to the* Levitical *Prieſthood, which we believe* Chriſt *came to put an End to; and their Miniſters preach for Hire, and divine for Money, cry Peace to the People while they put into their Mouths, but, when they with-hold, prepare War againſt them: They indeed profeſs good Things, but do not practiſe them, and* ſay *and* do not; *unto ſuch Chriſt cried* Wo. He anſwered, *what I ſaid was true*; but ſaid, *our Principles are good, though it is a great Shame to us that our Miniſters are ſo wicked.* I told him *we muſt judge of the Tree by its Fruit, according to Chriſt's own Doctrine:* He ſaid *it was very true*; and he ſeem'd fully ſatisfied concerning our Principles.

As ſoon as we could we paſſed over the River, and travelled through the Woods to *Metapony*, where a friendly Man dwelt, with whom we ſtayed two Days, and had a Meeting at his Houſe; many had the Opportunity of hearing the Goſpel preached, and were affected thereby: After that Meeting ſeveral deſired to have another, but we being pretty much preſſed in Spirit to viſit ſome other Parts of *Virginia*,

Virginia, and *Carolina*, proceeded on our Journey. The next Day we heard of one *John Carver*, who made a Profeſſion of Truth, but had ſeldom been at any of our Meetings; we travelled to his Houſe, it not being above ten Miles out of our Way, and found the Man much in *Imaginations*, *Conceits*, and *Notions*; we were much burthened in our Minds with him.

Next Day we travelled towards *Ware-River*, where the Ship lay in which we intended to take our Paſſage for *England*; the Day following we got on board and ſtayed ſome Days; the People thereabouts being very deſirous of having a Meeting, one *Sampſon Dorell*, a *Lawyer*, gave us Liberty to have it at his Houſe; abundance of People came, it being the firſt *Quakers* Meeting that had been in thoſe Parts; the Lord appeared in his Love, and touched our Tongues *as with a live Coal from his heavenly Altar*, and looſed them to declare of his Mercies *to thoſe that would return at the Reproofs of Wiſdom, and lay hold of the Day of their Viſitation*; many Hearts were reached, and ſeveral deſired we would ſtay there and have more Meetings, but having ſome

further Service to perform in viſiting Friends, we took our Journey towards *Carolina*, and got two *Negroes* to carry us over *York-River* in a ſmall Boat; the Wind aroſe ſo that we could not get the *Negroes* to ſet us to the Place intended, but they put us aſhore at the firſt Land they could get: It being near Night, hard Froſt and Snow, we travelled almoſt till Midnight before we got to a Plantation, having our Saddles and Bags to carry; next Morning we got to *Edward Thomas*'s and had a Meeting; then croſſed *James-River* and travelled to *Pagan's-Creek*, and *Chuckatuck*, and viſited Meetings as we went; ſo through the Wilderneſs to *Carolina*, and there met with Governor *Archdale*, who travelled through *Carolina* with us: We had good Service in that Wilderneſs Country, and found a tender People who were glad to be viſited: Being clear we returned in peace, and attended the Shipping for *England*. The Fleet ſtaying ſome Time, we viſited ſeveral Places as we found an Openneſs in Peoples Hearts to receive the Teſtimony of Truth, directing them to *Chriſt the true Foundation*: The Lord was effectually with us to our great Comfort; and having

having in our ſelves the Anſwer of *Well done*, our Souls were filled with Praiſes to his moſt holy Name, who is God bleſſed for ever.

On the 7th of the third Month 1697, we ſet Sail out of the *Capes* of *Virginia*, being about One Hundred and Thirty Sail in Company; in the Ship I came there were ſeveral Friends, one, whoſe Name was *Hugh Robert*, had the Teſtimony of Truth to declare, and was coming to viſit Friends in *England*; we had three Meetings every Week during our Voyage. After we had been a Week at Sea we met with a great Storm, and were in danger to have run down one another; The Man of War lay by, and cauſed all the Fleet to lay-to under their Mainſails all Night: There came a Ship which had like to have run foul of us, but we back'd our Mainſail and got clear: The Storm hardning we ſplit our Mainſail, and before we could get the Yard lower'd, had like to have carried it away; the Ship alſo ſprung a-leak, ſo that we were forced to keep the Pumps going Day and Night for two Weeks: When the Storm was over, and the Sea calm, we ſtitched an

old Sail full of Oakum, let it down under the Ship, and under-girt her, and after ſome Time the Leak ſtopped: When the Ship came to be ſearched, it was found to be an Auger-hole half open, and the other filled with ſomething that had got into it. After five Weeks Sail we met with a Veſſel that had been taken by the *French*, ſhe gave us an Account that *there was a* French *Fleet out at Sea waiting for us*; ſo we kept to the *Southward*, and almoſt run out our Longitude before we got into our Latitude, and eſcaped them. When we had been about ſix Weeks at Sea we made the Iſlands of *Scilly*, the Day after which ſeveral great Ships of War met us, in order to convoy us up to *London*, but the Wind being contrary we were forced into *Plymouth*, and landed there on the 22d of the fourth Month, having had many refreſhing Seaſons in the Love of God, when on the deep Ocean; the Conſideration of the Lord's Dealings with us, in protecting of us both inwardly and outwardly, bowed my Mind in true Thankfulneſs, and made me ſay, that *he was worthy to be followed and obeyed in all his Requirings.*

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The Day after we landed we had a large and comfortable Meeting at *Plymouth*; the next Day we took our Journey towards *Exeter*, and were at their firſt Day's Meeting, and from thence we travelled to *Briſtol*, where I was taken very ill, but in a Week's time recovered again, and had two Meetings there; after which I took my Journey homeward, *William Penn*, and ſeveral other Friends accompanying me ſome Miles; I travelled hard, got well home, and found my Wife and Family well, which deeply bowed my Spirit before the Lord, under the Conſideration of his tender Dealings with me every Way, and giving me my Life for a Prey; though one may go forth weeping, bearing precious Seed, I knew a returning as with Sheaves in my Boſom, bleſſed be the Lord, who is the Preſerver of all thoſe that put their Truſt in him.

In the Year 1698 a Concern was upon me to viſit Friends in *Ireland*; I took Shipping on the 5th of the ninth Month, but meeting with a contrary Wind, was put into *Ramſey-Bay* in the Iſle of *Man*, where we ſtaid ſome Days; then weigh'd Anchor and got to *Caſtle-town*, went

on ſhore and found the People very wicked; they would ſcarce lodge us for our Money, becauſe we were *Quakers*: The next Day we ſail'd to *Dublin*, and had three Meetings there; then I took my Journey along with *Thomas Wilkinſon* into the *North*, having Meetings at Places where none had been before, to which abundance of People came, both *Engliſh* and *Iriſh*; we laboured in the Love of God among them: At one Meeting there came two Prieſts, who appeared at firſt to be very light and airy, but the Lord's Power reached their Hearts, and we heard they gave a good Account of the Meeting. We had a Meeting at *Lurgan*, where there was a Marriage, to which many People came to ſee the Accompliſhment thereof; the Goſpel of Life and Salvation was freely preached unto them, ſome were reached, and turned to Chriſt the true Light and Leader of his Children; I was much concerned for a People that *knew not the Lord*, that they *might be gathered unto him and know Salvation.* We travelled very hard, and had Meetings every Day for twenty eight Days together; we viſited People in many Places where no Friends dwelt, and had good

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Service, particularly in the County of *Derry* we had a Meeting at a Place called *Articelly*, to which abundance of People came, many of whom were *Preſbyterians*, and they fenced againſt the Teſtimony that was born all they could; but the Teſtimony run ſo clear, that they were forced to confeſs to the Truth, for our Labour was to *turn all to God's Teaching, and to Chriſt the true Light, which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World.* After the Meeting we went to *Newtown* of *Lamavady*, and lodged at an Inn; the People were very hard and dark as to true Religion, being puffed up with airy Notions, that we found little Place there; ſo we travelled to *Dungieon*, lodged at an Inn, and got a Houſe to have a Meeting in the next Day; but in the Morning there was a Paper put up on the Door, and all People forbidden thereby to go into that Houſe except the King's Officers; ſo we kept the Meeting without Doors, altho' it was in the Depth of Winter, and the Lord favoured us with his living Preſence, and enabled us to preach the Goſpel unto the People; ſeveral were convinced, and many well affected, who ſaid, *tho' Men envied us, yet the Lord favoured us.* From

From thence we travelled towards *Londonderry*, lodged at an Inn, and had a comfortable Meeting that Evening; next Day we went into the City in order to have a Meeting, but many of the Magiſtrates being *Preſbyterians* were very envious, and threatned *to put us in Priſon*, but we kept our Meeting in the Love of Chriſt; the Governor, ſeveral Officers, and Soldiers, came to the Meeting, ſhewed Kindneſs towards us, and reſtrained the Rabble: I had to warn the People *to repent of their Wickedneſs*, or *elſe the Hand of the Lord would be heavy upon them*; for *although many Families had wanted Bread, yet if they repented not, many Houſes ſhould have Bread, and none of their Family left to eat it.* After I had delivered the Meſſage, I was eaſed of the Weight which lay upon me, and went away in Peace: then travelled to a Place called *Cumber*; at an Inn there we met with a great many *Iriſh*, and one of them in Fetters for ſtealing; the Power of Darkneſs was great among them: Next Day we had a Meeting appointed there, and many of thoſe wicked People came, and their Prieſt, (they being *Papiſts*) the Lord cauſed his Light to ſhine, and gave us his Word

Word and Wiſdom to divide it, ſo that the Goſpel was freely preached to them, and all directed *to the Light of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt:* One of them was *convinced* of the Truth, and much broken and tendered by the Power of the Lord which overſhadowed us: The Prieſt confeſſed *that the Doctrine he had heard that Day was true.* Then we came back to *Toberhead*, ſo to *Charlemount*, and from thence to *Lugganory*, and had ſeveral Meetings; abundance of People flocked to them, and we directed all *to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, the Saviour of the World*, and many confeſſed to the Truth. Then we came by *Melton* to *Drummore*, a Place that had not been viſited by Friends before, and had a Meeting in a large Room at an Inn; many of the Town's People came, and it was a Day of God's Love to them; they were mightily affected by the Power of Truth, and very much broken and tendered thereby; ſeveral acknowledged to the Truth, and ſome were *convinced.*

After the Meeting we went to *Hilſborough*, and had a Meeting there that Evening, to which ſeveral People of Repute

pute came; one Squire *Hill* was deeply affected with the Teſtimony of Truth, who in a ſhort Time after died. Then we travelled to *Lurgan*, to the Province Meeting; ſo into the *South* and *Weſt* Parts of the Nation, where we had Service in turning many People unto the Lord: At *Cork* we met with ſeveral Brethren in the Work of the Goſpel, our Hearts were truly opened one to another, and glad to hear of Truth's Proſperity: After we had viſited *Munſter*, we returned to the Province Meeting in *Leinſter*, and viſited the Counties of *Carloe*, *Wexford* and *Wicklow*; then finding my Spirit clear, I returned to *Dublin*, took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, and at the latter End of the eleventh Month 1698 I landed ſafe, and returned home, ſtayed ſome time, and was very diligent in attending Meetings.

In the Fore-part of the Year 1699 I had Drawings in my Mind to viſit Friends in *Scotland*; *Jonathan Burnyeat*, Son of *John Burnyeat*, having a Concern to viſit Friends in that Nation, he was very young, but deeply opened into the Myſteries of God's Kingdom, and grew in

in his Gift, ſo as to give Counſel to Young and Old; he was very zealous againſt Deceit and Wickedneſs, both in Profeſſor and Prophane, and often reproved ſuch. We travelled together thro' the *South* and *Weſt* Parts of *Scotland*, to *Douglas*, *Hamilton*, and *Glaſgow*, and had many Meetings among the People, and laboured to turn their Minds to the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is the Light of the World, warning all *who profeſſed the Light to be their Way, to be careful to walk therein, that they might know their Communion to increaſe with the Lord, their Fellowſhip one with another, and the Blood of Chriſt to cleanſe them from all Unrighteouſneſs*: Then we travelled down into the *North*, and had many precious Meetings; from thence returned to the Yearly Meeting at *Edinburgh*, where we met with many Brethren: Abundance of People came to the Meeting, who were very rude and wicked, and laboured to diſturb us, but the Teſtimony of Truth coming over all, ſome among them were troubled, and chained down by the Power of God; we were deeply bowed under a Senſe of the Lord's Favour to us, yet under great Sorrow to ſee the Wick-

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edneſs of the People: A Concern came upon *Jonathan Burnyeat* to write a *Warning* to the Inhabitants of that Place, which was afterwards put in Print to anſwer its Service. Then we travelled to *Kelſo*, and viſited Friends there; ſo to *Berwick* upon *Tweed*; from thence to *Northumberland*, and had Meetings at ſeveral Places, and many Hearts were reached by the Power of Truth. Then being clear we returned home, and witneſſed Peace to flow in our Souls.

I then found Drawings in my Mind to viſit ſeveral Parts of *England*: I began my Journey on the 17th of the eighth Month 1699 and viſited Friends in *Weſtmoreland* and *Yorkſhire*, and was engaged to *warn* all in the Love of Chriſt, *to prepare for their Latter-end, and to know their Peace made with the Lord, for a Day of Trial was coming, wherein all would ſtand in Need of it.* I travelled through *Nottinghamſhire*, *Leiceſterſhire*, and ſo to *Huntingtonſhire*, where I met with great Exerciſe with ſome *Apoſtates* who had run out with *George Keith*, who laboured to lay waſte the Teſtimony of Truth; but the Lord manifeſted his Power, and

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ſtood by thoſe who were true to him, ſtopped the Mouths of Gainſayers, and confounded them. From thence I went to the Iſle of *Ely*, and *Norfolk*, and laboured in the Work of the Miniſtry for the gathering of People to Chriſt, that they *might know him to be their Teacher*; and for the ſettling of thoſe who were gathered, ſtirring up all *to their Duties to God, and one another*; then returned back to *Huntington* Quarterly Meeting, and was engaged to encourage Friends *to be faithful unto the Teſtimony God had given them to bear, and to come up in their ſeveral Gifts, and Services, and to ſtand againſt every Thing that would oppoſe it*; there appeared ſome very Malicious, who were bent to render Friends and their Books odious, but they were fruſtrated and confounded by the Lord's Power, which did eminently break forth amongſt us, whereby the Hearts of the Faithful became truly glad. After the Meeting I returned through the *Vale* of *Belvoir*, and found ſeveral who were unfaithful to the Truth which they profeſſed; I had a *Warning* to them *to come up in Faithfulneſs unto the Lord*, or *elſe their Latter-end would be miſerable, for the Lord would caſt them off, and call others*

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who would be more faithful. When I was clear of that Place I travelled thro' *Derbyſhire*, *Mancheſter*, *Mankinholes*, ſo to *York* Quarterly Meeting, and from thence home.

Soon after my Return home I was ſeized with Sickneſs, and many concluded I could not live; but the Lord was kind to me, by his ſecret Hand, when in Weakneſs of Body; and upon ſerious Search I found nothing but *Peace*, and that I had got my Day's Work done ſo far: My Eye was unto the Lord Jeſus, in whom my Juſtification remained, and I found Peace, and his Words true by Experience, who ſaid, *in me you have Peace*, but *in the World Tribulation*: The Senſe of it at that Time was very comfortable, and engaged me to be given up to follow him faithfully unto the End, for *it is thoſe that are faithful unto Death, that will receive a Crown of Life.*

Some time after my Recovery there came a Concern upon me to viſit ſome Cities in *England*; I took my Journey on the 1ſt of the twelfth Month 1700, and travelled to the City of *Cheſter*, and was

was at their Meeting, a Marriage being there that Day, abundance of People came, but behaved rudely; the Word of Life was livingly declared, and the Teſtimony of Truth exalted, whereby the unruly Spirits were chained down. I travelled through *Staffordſhire* into *Worceſterſhire* to *Worceſter* City, and from thence to *Glouceſter*, and ſo to *Briſtol*, and viſited Friends, labouring in the Work of the Goſpel; the Word of Life prevailed, and many Hearts were reached by the Power of Truth. After I had viſited ſeveral Parts of *Glouceſterſhire*, and had good Service, I returned home to my Family, and was very diligent in attending of Meetings, both of Worſhip and Diſcipline, and viſited Meetings to and again in our own County.

Finding Drawings in my Mind to viſit ſeveral remote Parts in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, I took my Journey on the 15th of the eighth Month 1701, ſome Friends accompanying me to the *Border Meeting*, where we had a comfortable Seaſon together: I was engaged to warn Friends *to be faithful to the Lord's Requirings, and keep to the Conduct of his holy Spirit, that*

they might be guided in all their Gifts to God's Glory. The Day following *Robert* and *Richard Lattimer* went with me into *Scotland*, and accompanied me ſeveral Days: As we travelled on the Road to *Dumfries*, I had ſome Words of Exhortation to ſeveral on the Road, and ſome took it kindly: We met one Man (whom we paſs'd quietly by) who was ſo filled with Anger againſt us, that he followed me, and cried out in great Rage *that I was a Deceiver, and was going to delude the People:* I ſtopp'd my Horſe and aſked him, *what he had to charge me with, I being a Stranger to him, and he to me?* But he cried *give me Scripture, or elſe I will not believe what thou ſayeſt:* Seeing him full of Envy, I told him *I had Scripture for him, if he would hear it,* which was, *Give not that which is holy unto the Dogs, neither caſt ye your Pearls before Swine, leſt they trample them under their Feet, and turn again and rent you*; Mat. vii. 6. which ſmote him ſo to the Heart, that he was confounded, and left me.

When we got to *Dumfries* we had a Meeting in the Streets, where ſome of the People were ſober, but others very rude; I warned

I warned them *to repent and turn to the Lord while he ſtrove with them by his holy Spirit, leſt the Day of their Viſitation ſhould paſs over*; declaring unto them, *That the Lord was angry with the Wicked every Day*, and if *they did not repent of their Wickedneſs, all their Talk of God, Chriſt, and Religion, would be in vain; for ſo long as People go on in Rebellion againſt God's holy Spirit, and give up their Hearts to Wickedneſs, their Offerings are an Abomination to him*; as they might read in *Iſaiah* Chap. lxvi.

After the Meeting I had Diſcourſe with ſeveral People at the Inn where we lodged; from thence proceeded on my Journey towards *Port-patrick* in order to take Shipping for *Ireland*, and as I travelled through *Galloway*, the States of the People were clearly manifeſted to me; I ſpoke to them, and warned them *to repent, and prepare for their Latter-end*; ſeveral were reached and confeſſed to the Truth. On the ſeventh Day of the Week we got to *Strandrare*, lodged at an Inn, and ſtayed there the firſt Day: A Concern came upon me *to go into the Streets*; I went, and the Friends along with me; we ſat down

on the Market-croſs, (it being before the Door of their Worſhip-houſe) and when the People came forth, it was upon me *to pray unto the Lord*, (on their Behalf) *that he would be pleaſed to open their Underſtandings, and give them the Knowledge of himſelf, and their own States and Conditions*; the Prieſt and People came crowding about me: After which I ſtood up and declared the Way of Life and Salvation to them, warning all *to repent of their Wickedneſs, and give up their Hearts unto the Lord, that he might purify them by the Spirit of Judgment and Burning*; for I ſaid, *until your Minds are turned unto the inward Manifeſtations of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, all your Preaching, Praying, and Singing, is but vain, and an Abomination in his Sight*, who is of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity with Approbation: I directed them to the Light and Grace of God in their own Hearts, and to mind the Operations thereof, for *it would teach them to deny Ungodlineſs, and the World's Luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly, in this preſent World*; letting them underſtand, that *what is to be known of God is made manifeſt in Man*, for *the Lord hath ſhewed it unto*

unto them: Moſt of the People ſtayed until I had cleared my ſelf of what was on my Mind, then we went back to the Inn and had ſome Diſcourſe with the People of the Houſe, who confeſſed, that *what I had declared was true.*

Next Morning I parted with the Friends in much Sweetneſs of Spirit; they returned home, and I travelled to *Port-patrick*, where I found the People very wicked; I had an Opportunity with them at a Burial when the Corps was brought to the Grave-yard, the People behaved rudely and were vain, but my Heart was filled with the Love of God, and I was engaged in publick Teſtimony among them: The Inhabitants came running out of their Houſes and crowded about me, I opened unto them *how they might come to the true Knowledge of God*; and ſhewed them, according to the Scripture, that *he was not far from them*; for *God, who commanded the Light to ſhine out of Darkneſs*, as ſaith the Apoſtle, *hath ſhined in our Hearts, to give the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jeſus Chriſt*, 2 Cor. iv. 6,7. and that was the true Believer's Treaſure, and they had it in their earthen Veſſels: So directed

all to Chriſt the *Word nigh in the Heart and Mouth*, who was to be obeyed; and the Hearts of ſeveral were reached by the Power of God. After I had cleared my ſelf, there came one to me and acknowledged to the Truth of what I had delivered, and ſaid *the People were rude becauſe they had no Miniſter in the Place, nor none to inſtruct them*: I told him *they wanted the Fear of God before their Eyes, and the Conſideration of their Latter-end, otherwiſe they would not have been ſo light and vain upon ſuch a ſolid Occaſion*: Then the Man deſired me *to go along with him to his Houſe*, and finding Freedom I went, and found a Woman there who had a young Child; ſhe underſtanding I was a Miniſter, (her Huſband being gone over to *Ireland*, and ſhe going with her Child after him) deſired me *to baptize her Child, and ſhe would pay me*: I told her *I did not preach for Hire, but freely for the Lord's Sake*; and as for baptizing her Child, *the Scriptures did not warrant me in it*, neither *was I ſent to baptize, but to preach the Goſpel, under a Senſe of a Neceſſity the Lord had laid upon me*: After ſome Diſcourſe ſhe ſeemed ſatisfy'd about it.

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After which I took Boat for *Ireland*, and the next Day landed ſafe at *Carrickfergus*, altho' we had a very ſtrong Wind and a great Rain. I travelled through the *North* Part of that Nation, and had Meetings where no Friends dwelt; the Lord manifeſted his Power, and gave me his Word and Strength to publiſh it, ſo that ſome were convinced of the Truth. Being clear of the *North* I travelled to *Dublin*, and was at their Half-Years Meeting, and met with Friends from moſt Parts of the Nation; we had a comfortable Time together, the Affairs of the Church were managed in Love and Condeſcenſion, the Lord crowned our Aſſembly with his living Preſence, which bowed our Hearts in Thankfulneſs to him the Fountain of all our Mercies.

Then I travelled to the Province Meeting in *Munſter*, and viſited that Province, and had good Satisfaction; ſo returned to *Leinſter* Province Meeting, and found Friends zealous for the Promotion of Truth, and maintaining good Order and Diſcipline in the Church, which was Cauſe of Gladneſs to my Soul. Afterwards I was concerned to travel to many

Places in the Province of *Connaught*, ſeveral Friends accompanying me; we had Meetings at Inns, and in Places where no Friends lived; the Teſtimony of Truth was freely declared, and the People directed to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus: Some ſtrongly oppoſed the Truth, and others confeſſed thereunto. After I was clear of that Province I returned towards *Mountmelick* in Company with a Friend; when we were on the Road a great many *Iriſh* beſet us, and one of them knocked the Friend down with a Pitchfork; I ſeeing him fall, alighted from my Horſe and helped him up from under his Horſe's Feet, being bloody and not able to ſpeak for ſome Time; when he was a little recover'd, I ſpoke to one of the Men, who ſtood by, (who had ſet on the reſt) and told him *who he was*, and that *they would be called to an Account for what they had done*; ſo we went back to a Houſe, and got the Wound waſhed and bound up: He not being able to travel any further, I left him there, hired a Guide and went to *Mountmelick*, where I ſpoke to a Juſtice, and told him what Uſage we had met with on the Road; he told me *he could do nothing for us except I would ſwear to it*;

it; then *he would grant me a Warrant to apprehend them:* I aſked *If he did not believe I ſpoke the Truth?* He ſaid *Yes*; *but that did not anſwer the Law*: So I left him. A little while after the Friend recover'd, and the Men were taken and puniſhed by the Magiſtrates. After I was clear of my Service in that Nation, I returned to *Dublin*, took Shipping for *Whitehaven*, landed ſafe, went Home and found my Family well.

On the 17th of the ninth Month 1702, I had a Concern upon me to viſit Friends in the *Weſt* of *England*, as far as *Exeter*, ſo took my Journey, and travelled thro' ſeveral Counties; the Lord favoured me with his living Power, by which I was enabled to anſwer his Requirings: I travelled hard, and paſſed through ſome Danger by Waters, it being Winter; and when I was clear returned home.

I was often concerned to attend the Yearly Meeting at *London*, and had no greater pleaſure than to feel the Lord's Heart-melting Power to prevail over me, and keep my Mind in true Reſignation to anſwer his Requirings; he was graci-

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ouſly pleaſed to favour us, and reach to us by his ſecret Arm of Salvation, and brought us into a holy Travel for the Good of the Churches of Chriſt the World over, that the Teſtimony of Truth might be exalted, and every thing that would hinder the Growth and Proſperity of God's People ſubdued; and as I gave up freely to the Lord's Requirings I witneſſed Peace, which greatly engaged me to follow him faithfully where ever he was pleaſed to draw me.

In the Year 1704 I was engaged to viſit Friends in *Yorkſhire* and *Lincolnſhire*, *Jonathan Bunyeat* having the like Concern, we travelled together in ſweet Brotherly Love, and had many Meetings in the ſaid Counties, labouring to ſtir up all to *Faithfulneſs to the Lord*, and to wait to know *their Communion and Fellowſhip to increaſe with him, and one with another, and the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt to cleanſe them from all Unrighteouſneſs*: So we returned home, having had a proſperous Journey.

Great was my Exerciſe many Times for the Promotion of Truth's Teſtimony, and

and in ſtanding againſt that which cauſed it to ſuffer. About this Time there appeared ſome in our County *very hot* and *zealous* for Order and Diſcipline in the Church, and *buſied* themſelves in Church Affairs; I ſaw they were going into *Ranteriſm*, and told Friends of it, deſiring that Endeavours might be uſed to help them, which was done; but they would take no Advice, but ran out into *Strife* and *Contention*, and became *bitter Oppoſers* of Friends and Truth, to their own irreparable Loſs: My Spirit was deeply afflicted, and under great Exerciſe, but could not help them: The Lord ſhewed me it was an impoſterous Birth, begotten in them by the Power of Darkneſs, and all who joined with them would be hurt; but they ſhould proceed no further than to manifeſt their Folly.

I had many Journeys on the Account of the Teſtimony God had given me to bear; for when ever I found the Lord to draw me forth, I gave up in Obedience thereunto: My dear Wife was a true Help-mate to me, and never hindered me at any Time, but often deſired me

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to mind my Service, and anſwer it; we found Godlineſs was *truly profitable in all Things, having the Promiſe of the Life that now is, and that which is to come*, Life everlaſting; ſo that we were encouraged to follow the Lord fully, and keep to his eternal Power that had prevailed over us, and the more our Eyes were kept to him, the greater Neceſſity we found of the Help of his holy Spirit to keep us in our Way Heaven-wards, knowing *without him we could do nothing*, ſeeing our own Infirmities to be great; but as we kept to the Light and Guidings of his holy Spirit, we witneſſed his Strength manifeſted in our Weakneſs, ſo that we were made to magnify that Arm which is ſtrong, and as near to help his People as ever, thoſe who are alive to God know it; and the Reaſon why People know it not, is becauſe they do not turn to and mind the Manifeſtation of the Light of the Lord in themſelves, and come to walk in it, for *to as many as received him, to them gave he Power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name*; John i. 12. for God is ſtill faithful in fulfilling his Promiſes, and what ever *they aſk in his Name, he gives them*; ſuch

ſuch are bound in Duty to return to him Thankſgiving and Glory, who is worthy thereof.

I had a Concern, for ſeveral Years, to viſit Friends a Third Time in *America*, and underſtanding my ancient Companion and Fellow-labourer in the Goſpel *Thomas Wilſon* had a Concern for thoſe Countries, I wrote to him, and we agreed to meet at *Dublin:* I acquainted my Brethren with what I had upon my Mind, and they having Unity with me therein, our Hearts were broken and tendered before the Lord, and our Prayers were poured forth unto him for one anothers Preſervation. I agreed with *Richard Kelſick* of *Whitehaven* for my Paſſage, and on the firſt Day of the Week I with my dear Wife went to our own Meeting at *Pardſhaw-crag*, where I receiv'd Notice that the Maſter had order'd all his Men to be on Board by the tenth Hour at Night, intending to ſail that Tide; we had a bleſſed heavenly Meeting, after which I went to *Whitehaven*, my Wife and ſeveral Friends accompanying me; we alighted at an Inn, and had a ſweet Opportunity together, then went down

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to the Ship-ſide, where I parted with my Wife and Friends (except *John Robinſon* and *Joſeph Steel*, who accompanied me to *Dublin)* in much Bowed-downneſs of Mind before the Lord, in a Senſe of his Love that had prevailed over me to anſwer his Requirings, in which I found my Peace to flow abundantly; then I went on Board, and in two Days Time arriv'd at *Dublin*, where I met with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, who was ready to imbark with me. We ſtayed two Weeks at *Dublin*, and had a comfortable Time among Friends, and parted with them in much Love and Tenderneſs.

On the 8th of the tenth Month 1713 we ſailed for *Virginia*; the Wind being *Southerly* we ſtood down the *North-Channel*, and in three Days Time got clear of the Land; but ſoon after we met with a hard Gale of Wind, ſo that we got but little on our Voyage for ſeveral Weeks: The Maſter was very diligent and careful in the Ship, and among his Men, and reſpectful to us: He being a ſerious thoughtful Man, we had much Diſcourſe with him about Religion, and he was

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ſeveral Times reached by the Power of the Lord, and confeſſed to the Truth; the Lord was kind to us, filled our Hearts with his Love, and ſweetned our Exerciſes when upon the deep Ocean. The Wind favouring us, we got well into *Linhaven-Bay*, within the *Capes* of *Virginia*, that Day nine Weeks we loſt Sight of *Ireland*, then ſailed up *Cheſeapeak-Bay* into *Rapahanock-River*, and went on Shore at Queen *Anne's-town* on the 14th of the twelfth Month, and there parted with our kind Captain in great Love; he ſpoke to us to take ſome of our Proviſion along with us, and gave us loving Counſel, which Counſel we took kindly.

After we landed we found the People ſeemingly kind, went to a Houſe and refreſhed our ſelves; from thence we hired Horſes to *York-River*, next Day got over to the *Weſtern-ſhore*, and took our Saddles, Bags, and great Coats, upon our Shoulders, and travelled ſeveral Miles, then met a Man who knew me, and ſaid *he had beſt alight and take our Things upon his Horſe*, which we kindly accepted; ſo he went along with us to *James Bates's*

Bates's Houſe, who received us gladly: It being their Week-day Meeting we went along with them, though we were very weary with Travelling, yet the Lord remembered us in Mercy, and we had a comfortable Meeting with the few Friends there; then we travelled through *Virginia* to *North Carolina*, and had many good Meetings both among Friends and others; Truth was manifeſted, and the Goſpel of Life and Salvation freely declared, and we were comforted with our Brethren; in which Place we found a hopeful Stock of young People, whom the Lord was qualifying for his Service, and they received the Teſtimony of Truth with Gladneſs.

After we were clear we returned back to *Chuckatuck*, where we had a precious Meeting; then travelled towards *Nancemond*, and had good Service; after which we viſited Friends up *James-River*, and ſo returned by *Black-Creek*, and had ſeveral Meetings: We directed the Minds of People *unto the Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, and *to the bleſſed Teachings of his holy Spirit*, which we found at work in the Hearts of ſeveral, which was Cauſe of Gladneſs to us.

us. Then we paſſed over *Potomack-River*, travelled late, and got to a Juſtice's Houſe; he kindly invited us *to ſtay all Night*, which we did, and had ſome religious Diſcourſe with him; he was very friendly, and confeſſed to the Truth. Next Day we paſſed over *Potuxon-River*, and viſited Friends on the *Weſtern-Shore* of *Maryland*, where we found great Openneſs both among them and others: From thence we croſſed the *Bay* to the *Eaſtern-ſhore*, ſeveral Friends accompanying us; we travelled to *Salem* in *Jerſey*, having many glorious Meetings, the Lord's good Preſence ſtill attending us; and we ſtayed the Yearly Meeting at *Salem*, which was large and to Satisfaction. After we had viſited the Meetings on that Side of *Delaware-River*, we paſſed over to *Philadelphia*, and viſited Friends in that City; the Lord's Power was witneſſed in our Aſſemblies, and the Doctrine of Truth largely opened: From thence we travelled to *German-Town*, and viſited the Meetings of Friends in *Penſilvania*, ſome of which were the largeſt I had ever been at; People flocked ſo to them that ſeveral Hundreds were forced to ſtand without Doors, the Meeting-Houſe

not being large enough to contain them; we preached unto them *the Doctrine of Truth*, whereby the Hearts of ſeveral were reached: Then we croſſed over the *River Delaware* again, and viſited Friends in the *Jerſeys*; after which we took Boat at *Woodbridge* for *New-York*, from thence to *Fluſhing*, and ſo to the Yearly Meeting in *Long-Iſland*, which began the 30th of the third Month, and held four Days, it was very large, and we had a good Opportunity among Friends and others: Friends were in ſweet Unity, and the Affairs of the Church were managed in true brotherly Love.

Being preſſed in Spirit to be at the Yearly Meeting at *Rhode-Iſland*, we took Shipping and arrived at *Newport* the Day before the Meeting began; the univerſal Love of God was held forth to the People, and many Hearts were reached and tendered thereby: After the Meeting we travelled to *Taunton* and had a Meeting there among the *Preſbyterians*, and many came and were generally well ſatisfied; ſeveral were reached, and ſome convinced, and a Meeting is ſince ſettled there:

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From thence we travelled to *Dartmouth*, and found Drawings in our Minds to go to the Yearly Meeting at *Nantucket*, ſo took Shipping and were in ſome Danger in paſſing through *Woodſe's-hole*, which had a great many Rocks in it, but having a freſh Gale of Wind got well through, altho' the Veſſel ſtruck ground ſeveral Times, yet went off again without Damage; many of the Inhabitants came to the Meeting, the Goſpel was freely preached, and all directed *to the Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, and to *the Word of his Grace, that is ſtill able to keep from Evil, and give them a Place among them that are ſanctified*; the People were generally ſober, and ſome were convinced.

Being clear I took Shipping for *Dartmouth*, but meeting with a contrary Wind got to a Harbour, and underſtanding there would be a Meeting the next Day at a Friend's Houſe about eight Miles diſtant, I left the Veſſel and travelled along with the Friend to *Daniel Butler*'s Houſe, and ſtayed there all Night, next Morning went along with the Friends to the Meeting; many ſober People came, the Teſtimony of Truth was declared, and the

Lord's Power witneſſed to our Comfort: After the Meeting I travelled to *Sandwich*, where I met with my Companion, we travelled through the Country to *Boſton*, and had ſome Meetings to Satisfaction as we went; at *Boſton* we had ſeveral Meetings, the Teſtimony of Truth was declared, and the Way of Life and Salvation manifeſted, and ſeveral reached and affected thereby: From thence we went to *Lynn*, and *Salem*, and the *Eaſtern* Parts of *New-England* as far as *Dover*, ſetting forth to the People that *the Love of God was extended unto them in order for their Salvation*; the Prieſts were inraged againſt us, and laboured to keep the People from coming to our Meetings, but Truth prevailed, and abundance of People flocked to hear the Goſpel preached, ſo that ſeveral were convinced, and the Mouths of Gainſayers ſtopt: After we had cleared our ſelves there we returned back to *Boſton* and had ſeveral Meetings, Truth prevailed, many Hearts were affected, and divers convinced: From thence we travelled to the Yearly Meeting at *Providence*; there came ſeveral rude and diſorderly Perſons, but we warned them *to repent of their Wickedneſs and turn to the Lord*:

Lord: The Power of the Lord came mightily over the People, and we had a glorious heavenly Meeting; and from thence we travelled to *Rhode-Iſland*, and had ſeveral Meetings in our Way.

After our Service was over in that Place, we parted with Friends, and returned by Water to *Long-Iſland*, being deſirous to be at the Yearly Meeting at *Burlington*, which is held there for *Weſt-Jerſey* and *Penſilvania*; we took Shipping at *Newport*, and were nine Days at Sea, had a Meeting on board, and had ſeveral Opportunities to vindicate our Principles, and ſome were reached by the Truth: We landed at *Fluſhing* and had a Meeting there, and ſeveral more on the *Iſland*; abundance of People attended them, the Lord's Power was eminently witneſſed, and the Hearts of the Faithful truly comforted. From thence we went to *New-York*, ſeveral Friends accompanying us, and we had a precious Meeting there; then croſſed over to *Elizabeth-Town* by Sea, ſo travelled to *Woodbridge* and had good Service there, many Hearts were reached by the Truth, and ſome convinced: Then we travelled through

Jerſey to *Penſilvania* again, where we met with *John Salkeld* and *John Wright* at the *Falls* Meeting, who were travelling in Truth's Service; the next Day we were at their Quarterly Meeting, and encouraged Friends *to keep to the good Order eſtabliſhed among us*; the Lord owned us, and filled our Hearts with Love to him and one another: After the Meeting we travelled towards the Wilderneſs, and viſited Friends in *North Wales*, and had ſeveral Meetings in the Country thereabouts, and many were reached and convinced of God's bleſſed Truth: At *Nottingham* we had a large and heavenly Meeting among the People in the Woods, becauſe the Houſe was not large enough to contain them; and from thence we came back by Way of *New-Garden*, were at a Marriage there, and had good Service in opening to the People *the Way of Life and Salvation*, and ſhewed them *it was the Lord that joined People*, and *not the Work of any Prieſt under the* Law, *nor Miniſter under the* Goſpel, but *the Parties concerned by Conſent*, and *thoſe that were preſent were Witneſſes, as in the Caſe of* Boaz *and* Ruth; and the Lord owned us, and Truth came up into Dominion: So we travelled to *Philadelphia*,

Philadelphia, took Boat and went to *Burlington* Yearly Meeting, where the Lord owned us with his living Preſence, and we had a glorious Seaſon together; the Meeting held five Days, and there was ſuch a Concourſe of People that we had two Meetings at once, one at the Court-Houſe, and the other at Friends Meeting-Houſe; the Affairs of Truth were managed in Love and Meekneſs to the Edification of the Church: We parted in Love, and returned again to *Philadelphia*, and viſited the Out-corners of *Penſilvania*; afterwards travelled to the Yearly Meeting on the *Eaſtern-ſhore* of *Maryland*, which held four Days; we had good Service and came away in Peace of Mind: Then viſited the lower Counties of *Penſilvania*, where we had many precious Meetings, and ſeveral were convinced of the Truth: Then we returned again to *Philadelphia*, and after ſome ſtay in and about that City we parted with Friends in the Love of God, and travelled down to *Maryland*, and agreed with the Maſter of a Veſſel for our Paſſage to *England*; but not being fully clear we were deſirous to have ſtayed a little longer; the Maſter told us his Signal for

ſailing ſhould be the *firing of a Gun*, and ſo we might ſtay till then, but we were called on board before we had quite gone through our Service.

On the 7th of the ninth Month 1714 we took Shipping at *Oxford*, and within two Days after we ſet ſail the Ship ſprung a-leak; we were greatly exerciſed in our Spirits, and treated with the Captain to return back, in order to get the Leak ſtopp'd, but he and the reſt of the Officers reſolved to proceed on their Voyage: The Wind being contrary they could get little forward, but rode at Anchor; in which Time we told the Captain, *it appeared to us that divine Providence had put the Opportunity into his Hand, whereby he might ſave his own Life, and all that were with him, and the Ship too.* When we had got about twenty Leagues from the Land we were becalmed, and the Leak increaſed ſo that ſhe made near two Feet Water in half an Hour; then they all repented that they did not take our Advice: We were deeply exerciſed, and poured forth our Prayers unto the Almighty, who was graciouſly pleaſed to grant our Petition, and cauſed a gentle South

South Wind to blow the next Day, and the Leak ſtopp'd ſo as the Pumps kept her clear, and after ſome Difficulty we got to an Anchor in *Lynnhaven-Bay*.

We went on ſhore the 25th of the ninth Month, and the next Day got among Friends; they were glad to ſee us, and our Hearts were deeply thankful to the Almighty for ſo ſignal a Preſervation: We laboured in the Work of the Goſpel at *Nancemond*, where ſeveral Hearts were throughly reached by the penetrating Power of God; after which we viſited ſeveral remote Places from the Body of Friends, then croſſed *James-River*, and viſited Friends in *York* County, and had ſeveral Meetings, to which abundance of People came; the Doctrine of Truth was declared, and ſeveral convinced, which was cauſe of Gladneſs to us: From thence we travelled into the County of *Kent*, where we had laboured in the Work of the Miniſtry twenty three Years before, ſeveral were then convinced, and a Meeting ſettled from that Time; we rejoiced to find People gathered to God, and we had many precious Meetings in thoſe Parts: Then we travelled into the County

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of *Weſtmoreland*, had good Service there, and found great Openneſs among the People; ſeveral were convinced of the Truth, the Mouths of Gainſayers were ſtopp'd, and the Teſtimony of Truth exalted over all: Then we found our Hearts engaged viſit Friends on the *Weſtern-ſhore* of *Maryland*, ſo travelled to *Potomack-River*, which we got over with ſome Difficulty and Charge, being willing to ſpend and be ſpent to anſwer the Lord's Requirings, who had been kind to us, and his People, in bleſſing us both inwardly and outwardly; Friends were willing to accompany us, for which we were truly thankful unto the Lord, that he had raiſed up a People, and made them willing to ſerve him; for when we travelled in thoſe Parts in 1692 we had no Guide for a Hundred Miles, and lay out in the Woods, yet we travelled in Faith that the Lord *would ſpread his Truth, and exalt it in the Earth*; we ſaw it fulfilled in Part, and firmly believe that he will carry it on to his own Glory. We took our Journey through the Woods, and lodged at a poor Man's Houſe that Night, and we gave him Money for his kind Entertainment; he told us *he had entertained many, but never had*

had taken any thing before: We told him *we were not willing to be chargeable to any, but would freely pay him.*

We travelled to *Potuxon-River*, and had a Meeting on the firſt Day; it was a Day of Viſitation to the Youth, whoſe Hearts were opened by the Love of God, in which we laboured to turn their Minds to his Teaching: We made a thorough Viſit on the *Weſtern-ſhore*, and many flocked to our Meetings and heard the Goſpel freely declared, and the Principles of Truth laid open; ſeveral were convinced, and the Faithful comforted in the Lord. Then we paſſed over the River to the *Eaſtern-ſhore* and had a Meeting, to which abundance of People came that were not Friends; the Lord appeared to our Comfort, and we had good Service in many Places in thoſe Parts. Being clear of that *Shore*, ſeveral young Men got a Boat and ſat us over the *Bay*; it being very foggy we landed at *Sharp's-Iſland*, and went on ſhore; the young Men made a Fire near the Boat, and lay by it all Night; my Companion and I went to a Houſe upon the Iſland, where we ſtaid until the next Morning; the People were very

very loving and would take nothing for our Bed: Then we took Boat, and thro' ſome Difficulty got to *Weſt-River*, and had ſeveral Meetings among Friends; we laboured in the Love of God *to ſettle them upon Chriſt the Rock and Foundation.*

After which, finding our Spirits fully clear, we concluded to take Shipping for *England*; there being a Ship bound for *London*, we agreed for our Paſſage, and went on board on the 10th of the twelfth Month, and on the 17th of the ſame weigh'd Anchor and came out of the *Capes* of *Virginia* and had a good Paſſage till we came near the *Coaſts* of *Ireland*, where we met with a ſmall Ship bound for *Cork*; we left the Ship we were in and went on board the ſmall Veſſel. Afterwards we met with a contrary Wind, and were ſeven Days at Sea, and then landed ſafe at *Cork* on the 30th of the firſt Month 1715; we ſtay'd a Meeting with Friends at *Cork*, and the Lord's Power was manifeſted among us, and his Love melted our Hearts, and prepared Sacrifices of Praiſes to the God and Father of all our Mercies, who with his dear Son is worthy thereof.

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After the Meeting we took our Journey towards the Province Meeting at *Mountmelick*, and with hard Travel got there on the firſt Day; Friends were ſettled in the Meeting before we went in; the Lord's Power overſhadowed the Meeting in a wonderful Manner, ſo that we were ſweetly comforted together: After the Meeting I parted with my dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*, in the Love of God, and went with Friends to *Dublin*, and the next Day had a Meeting to Satisfaction; after which I took Shipping, ſailed that Night, and landed next Evening at *Whitehaven*, and was at our own Meeting at *Pardſhaw-cragg*, where Friends were glad to ſee me returned ſafely from ſo long a Journey, and we were comforted in the Lord and one another: In all this Voyage and Journey we were highly favoured with Health for the moſt Part, and Way was made for us far beyond what we could expect, having travelled by Sea and Land about 12000 Miles. At my Return home I found my Wife and Family well, for which I was truly thankful; the Lord who ſeparated us for his Name ſake, brought us together again to our great Comfort, which cauſed us to admire

admire his Goodneſs, and to bleſs his moſt worthy Name.

I ſtaid but a few Weeks at home before I took my Journey for *London*, having Drawings in my Mind to be at the Yearly Meeting there; I travelled through *Yorkſhire*, and had ſeveral Meetings as I went along, which were to the Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends: I got to *London* the Day before the Meeting began, and met with ſeveral Brethren from *Ireland*, and moſt Parts of this Nation; the Lord crowned our Aſſemblies with his living Preſence, and filled our Hearts with the Joy of his Salvation.

In the Year 1717 I paſſed through various Exerciſes, yet the Lord's Power ſupported and enabled me to ſtand in my Teſtimony both in doing and ſuffering; a Concern increaſed in my Mind *for the Peace and Welfare of the Church*, and that *every thing might be kept out which would hurt the Growth and Proſperity thereof*: We were greatly exerciſed in our County with many *filthy* and *unclean Spirits*, and much abuſed by them both in Meetings and out of Meetings. I went to the Yearly

Yearly Meeting for the *Northern* Counties held at *Cheſter*, which was to the Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends.

On the 29th of the third Month I took my Journey from my own Houſe to the Yearly Meeting at *London*, and had Service at ſeveral Places on the Road; I got to *London* the Night before the Meeting began, and met with Brethren from ſeveral Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*; the Meeting was large, and Friends were zealouſly concerned *for the Proſperity of Truth*, and that *every Thing might be kept out of the Church which would hinder the Growth thereof:* We had many precious Seaſons, and were comforted in the Lord.

After the Meeting I was engaged by the Love of God to viſit ſeveral Parts of this Nation: At *Reading* Friends were under a great Exerciſe with a *rending, dividing Spirit*, that many were betrayed into; yet the Lord's Power came over them, and they who had gone out into *Separation* left their Meeting and returned to Friends again; my Travel among them was, *That all might be baptized down*,

down, as into the Bottom of Jordan, *there to be purged from their Uncleanneſs, and ſo be fitted for the Camp of God, and know him to tabernacle with them:* The Lord's Power was manifeſted among us, to the Comfort of all who truly loved it. Then I travelled to *Newbury*, ſo through *Wiltſhire* to *Briſtol*; my Exerciſe was, *That all might be ſenſible of the Work of the Lord to ſanctify and fit them for his Kingdom:* I ſaw the Fields ripe unto Harveſt, which was great, and the faithful Labourers therein were but a few; my Cries went forth unto the Lord *That he would fit many, and ſend them forth into his Harveſt*; he was near to anſwer, and to bow the Spirits of many under the Operation of his Hand, of which I was glad, under a Senſe of his great Love to Mankind. After I was clear of that City I returned Homewards, and viſited many Places, and had good Satisfaction.

On the 11th of the eleventh Month 1717 I took my Journey and went to *Wigton*, and was exerciſed with ſome *Ranting Spirits*, yet the Lord's Power came over them, and the Faithful were comforted: Then I travelled to *Carliſle*, and from thence

thence to *Alſtone*, where I found ſeveral who were convinced of the Truth, and brought forth in publick Teſtimony, which was cauſe of gladneſs to me, to behold the Lord's Work to proſper: After which I travelled through *Alendale*, where I found ſome young People convinced, and hopeful to do well: Then I travelled to *Newcaſtle*, and warned People *to give up their Hearts unto the Lord*: From thence I went to *Shields* and *Sunderland*, where I met with *Thomas Story*, who was travelling upon Truth's Account, and had been above three Years from his own Habitation, having viſited Friends in *America*, and many Parts of *England*, *Wales*, *Holland*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; I was glad to ſee him, and to hear of the Proſperity of Truth in thoſe Parts: After which I proceeded on my Journey to *Stockton*, *Darlington*, *Aukland*, and *Raby*, viſiting Friends, and being clear I returned home.

Some time after my Return I went to our Quarterly Meeting at *Carliſle*, and ſo to the Yearly Meeting at *Kendal*, which was large; ſeveral People of other Perſuaſions came into the Meeting, who

were ſober and attentive, and pretty much affected with the Teſtimonies that were born, and the Meeting ended well, and to good Satisfaction.

On the 17th of the third Month 1718 I took my Journey for the Yearly Meeting at *London* along with *Peter Fearon*; we had ſeveral Meetings as we went, and at *London* we met with Friends from ſeveral Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*, who were come to attend that Meeting; we laboured together for the good of the Church, and the Lord was with us, and enabled us to go through our reſpective Services to his Glory, and our mutual Edification. After the Meeting I returned home to my Family, and found Peace, as I always did in anſwering that Service I believed the Lord required of me: When I was at Liberty I laboured diligently in my outward Buſineſs, not only becauſe of the Benefit I received there-from, but that I might be exemplary among my Neighbours.

A Concern had been upon my Mind for ſome time to viſit the *Weſtern* Parts of *England*; I took my Journey on the 2d of the

the ninth Month 1718, and viſited ſeveral Counties as far as *Briſtol*, and had Service in that City; after which I travelled into *Devonſhire*; then returned again unto *Briſtol*, and from thence I travelled thro' *Wiltſhire*, by Way of *Reading*, to *London*; and after ſome ſtay in and about that City, I returned home, having had many precious Meetings among my Brethren; my Labour and Travel was, *to encourage the Faithful, ſtir up the Backward, and warn the Wicked to repent, and turn to the Teachings of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Finding my ſelf engaged to viſit Friends in the Nation of *Ireland* once more, on the 23d of the eighth Month 1722 I ſet forward on my Journey, and went to *David Hodgſon*'s, in Company with ſeveral Friends; next Morning we met *John Urwen*, who had the like Concern with me, at *Allaſon*'s-*bank* in *Scotland*; we went to *Dumfries* and lodged there; next Morning the Friends who came to accompany me returning home, we proceeded on our Journey, and found the People high in Notion, and bent againſt the Truth, which occaſioned us to mourn before the Lord; we went to *Baldown* to

William Boyges, and had a comfortable Meeting there on the Firſt-day; the Day following we travelled to *Port-patrick*, where we ſtay'd ſome time, the Wind being contrary, under great Exerciſe of Spirit, becauſe of the Wickedneſs of the People; we had a Meeting among them at a Widow's Houſe where we lodged, and the Goſpel was freely preached unto them, and ſome were affected therewith, and confeſſed to the Truth, which filled our Hearts with Thankfulneſs unto the Lord who made way for us to clear our Conſciences among them.

On the Firſt-day of the Week my Companion had a Concern upon him *to go to their Worſhip-houſe*, and I found it my Place *to go with him*; after the Prieſt had done, my Companion ſtood up to clear himſelf of what was upon his Mind, but the Prieſt, contrary to his Promiſe to us, went out, and ordered all the reſt to follow him, or elſe the Door ſhould be lock'd; ſo they all came out, and we found our ſelves clear and came away in Peace. Next Day we took Boat for *Ireland*, and had a great Storm at Sea, and were in Danger of being caſt away, but the Lord preſerved us, and we arrived

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ſafe on ſhore, and went next Day to *Liſnagarvy*, where Friends were glad to ſee us; we travelled through the *North*, and had many precious Meetings; after we were clear of the *North*, we travelled to *Edenderry*, viſiting Meetings all along, labouring in that Ability God gave us for the *ſtiring up of all to Faithfulneſs*: We went from thence to the Province Meeting at *Carlow*, and after our Service there we travelled into the Counties of *Wicklow* and *Waterford*, and had many bleſſed Seaſons in thoſe Parts, labouring *to gather People to God's Teaching*, and *to turn them from that of Satan*; then we travelled to *Roſs*, and through ſeveral Places to the Province Meeting at *Cork*, which was large; the Affairs of the Church were carried on and managed in the peaceable Spirit of Chriſt, and the Meeting ended well: After which we viſited Friends in the County of *Limerick*, then travelled to the Province Meeting at *Mountmelick*, and from thence to my former dear Companion *Thomas Wilſon*'s, and were ſweetly refreſhed together in the Enjoyment of God's Love; we parted with him in much Tenderneſs at *Edenderry*, and travelled to *Dublin*, and had ſome Service there. Finding

Finding our ſelves clear of that City we took Shipping for *England*, and after ſome Difficulty and Danger at Sea we landed ſafe at *Parton* in *Cumberland*; the next Day I parted with my Companion and returned home, where I ſtay'd ſome Time, and was very diligent in attending Meetings, and viſiting Friends to and again in our County: After which, a Concern came upon me to viſit Friends in the *Weſt* of *England*, (my Wife at this Time being under great Weakneſs of Body, I was unwilling to leave her, but ſhe bid me *anſwer what the Lord required of me, and not let any Thing hinder my Service; for Life is in the Hand of the Lord, and he can give or take away at his Pleaſure)* ſo I gave up to the Lord's Requirings, in which I witneſſed Peace. I ſet forth on my Journey with *William Dixon* (a Friend of our Meeting) who had the like Concern with me; we travelled through *Lancaſhire*, and the *Weſt* Parts of *England*, as far as the *Land's End*; our Labour was, *to turn People to the Lord, and ſettle them on his Teachings*; we found an Openneſs in many Places to receive the Teſtimony of Truth, for which we were truly thankful; after which finding our ſelves clear we returned home.

On the 2d of the 10th Month 1726 I ſet forward on my Journey, and *William Dixon* along with me, to viſit Friends in *Yorkſhire*; we had a Meeting at *Soolby* among ſome People who had been hurt by a *wrong Spirit*, and were gone into *Separation* from Friends, yet we found the Reaches of the Love of God unto them, and ſeveral Hearts were touched therewith. We went to *Penrith* that Evening and had a Meeting there, unto which ſeveral of the *Separates*, and abundance of other People came; the Lord's Power was manifeſted, and the Teſtimony of Truth declared; we directed them *to the Light of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt which ſhineth in their Hearts, in order to give them the Knowledge of God, whom to know is Life eternal*; many Hearts were reached, and we had the Anſwer of Peace for our Labours of Love among them. After which we went to *Strickland* and had a Meeting there, which was to Satisfaction; and from thence to *Swale-dale*, and *Richmond*, and ſeveral Parts of *Yorkſhire*, to the Quarterly Meeting at *York*, where we met with *John Salkeld* who was come from *America* to viſit Friends in *England*: At this Meeting I laid before Friends the

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Neceſſity there was to take Care to preſerve the Accounts of Friends Sufferings, *and of their* Exerciſes *and* deep Tryals *they had undergone for the Teſtimony the Lord had given them to bear*; *and* how *he had made manifeſt his Eternal Power for their Help, and wrought Wonders for their Deliverance*; that thoſe Accounts *might be ſerviceable to future Generations*; and the Quarterly Meeting took Notice of it, and agreed that it ſhould be offered to the Yearly Meeting at *London*: (I had offered the ſame to our Quarterly Meeting in *Cumberland*, who agreed with me.) After which we travelled to the Quarterly Meeting at *Lancaſter*, and from thence to *Kendal*; both of which Meetings agreed with me in my Propoſition for *collecting the Account of Friends Sufferings*: Then being clear of what was upon our Minds we returned home, and found Things well, which was Cauſe of Gladneſs to me.

After I had ſtay'd ſome Time I took Shipping at *Whitehaven* for the Half-Years Meeting at *Dublin*, at which Meeting I offered the Concern which was upon my

my Mind, *for putting Friends Sufferings in Order for future Service*: The Meeting took it under Conſideration, and became zealouſly concerned that Care might be taken for preſerving the Records of Friends Sufferings for the Benefit of future Ages, that they might know how the Lord had raiſed up a People, who were no People, to bear Teſtimony to his Name and Truth upon Earth, not only to believe, but alſo to ſuffer for it. After the Meeting was over I returned home.

In the Year 1727 I travelled to the Yearly Meeting at *Cheſter*, which was large, and many Teſtimonies were born, directing all *to the Lord's Teachings*; after which I travelled thro' ſeveral Counties to the Yearly Meeting at *Briſtol*, ſtill labouring, in that Ability God gave me, *to gather People to the Teachings of his holy Spirit*. From thence I travelled to the Yearly Meeting at *London*, and laid the Concern which had been upon my Mind for ſome Time, about *Collecting and Printing an Account of the deep Sufferings which Friends had undergone*; that they *might be tranſmitted to future Ages for a Teſti-*

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mony of the great Favours and Mercies of God to his faithful People: The Meeting ſaw it was neceſſary, and the ſame was ſoon after proceeded upon: Then I got Eaſe of the Concern which had been ſo long upon me. After the Meeting was over, viſiting ſome Meetings in my Way, I returned home and found Things well, for which I was made humbly thankful to the Lord, who provided for me both inwardly and outwardly, bleſſed be his holy Name for Ever.

AND thus ended, as far as appears, the Writings of this worthy Man; for after the Year 1727 we find no Account, though he travelled ſeveral Times to the Yearly Meeting at *London*, and through many Parts of this Nation; but being ſeized about that Time with a *Paralytick* Diſorder, that might probably be the Reaſon that he committed no more to Writing.

In the Year 1726 his Wife died, which was a great Loſs to him, (his bodily Infirmities

firmities conſidered) but he bore it with Patience, and Reſignation unto the divine Will, believing *it was her great and everlaſting Gain.*

He was very conſtant in attending the Quarterly Meetings in this County, and alſo the Meetings of Worſhip and Diſcipline he belong'd to, when under great Weakneſs of Body; which is a convincing Teſtimony of his ſteady and unſhaken Zeal for the Promotion of Truth, and the Good of Souls.

About a Year before his Death, his Diſtemper, the *Palſey*, increaſed upon him to ſuch a degree that he loſt the Uſe of one Side, and his Speech was in a great meaſure taken from him; yet he had ſmall Intervals, in which he ſeem'd to ſurmount the Decays of ſinking Nature, and appeared in a ſweet and heavenly Diſpoſition of Mind, intimating that *his Day's Work was done*; and *that God, whom he had ſerved, was ſtill with him*; and that *he had the Evidence of Peace and future Felicity ſealed upon his Soul*, and *was only waiting to be removed*, but *was fully reſigned unto the Lord to wait his Time*;

Time; and leaning upon the divine Arm of Conſolation, his Afflictions and Exerciſes became more eaſy to him.

He departed this Life on the 6th Day of the Third Month 1741, and was Buried on the 8th of the ſame at Friends Burying-ground at *Eaglesfield* in the County of *Cumberland*.

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